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Koningshooikt, October 17th, 2012

**Defect Information Report relating to Van Hool motorcoaches Model TD925 equipped with a Cummins ISX engine with a Fuel Pro filter located behind the left tag axle tire**

Dear Associate Administrator for Enforcement,

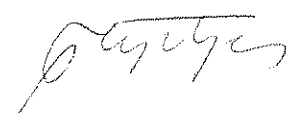
In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Van Hool N.V. herewith submits the Defect Information Report for the recall of 136 Van Hool motorcoaches Model TD925 manufactured October 2011 through July 2012, equipped with a Cummins ISX Engine with a Fuel Pro filter located behind the left tag axle tire for which compartment base plate may not be able to withstand the damage caused by a tire blow out.

Enclosed is our defect information report for the replacement of the Fuel Pro filter compartment base plate. Our designated agent ABC Bus, Inc. will notify Van Hool owners with this equipment by mail sent to their addresses and conduct the recall.

Please confirm receipt of this notice and provide NHTSA's reference number. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Van Hool N.V.

  
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Enclosure

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*Van Hool N.V.: As per distribution list*

**October 17th, 2012**

(c)(1) Manufacturer: **Van Hool N.V.**

Designated Agent: **ABC Bus, Inc.**

(c)(2) Identification of the vehicles containing the defect:

**The recalled vehicles are motorcoaches with a Cummins ISX engine with a Fuel Pro filter located behind the left tag axle tire.**

Make: <b>Van Hool</b>
Model: <b>TD925</b>
Model Year(s): <b>2012</b>
Inclusive dates of manufacture : <b>beginning Oct. 2011 – ending July 2012</b>
Body Style/type : <b>Motorcoach</b>
Other information necessary to describe these vehicles : <b>VIN's : 42494 - 42629</b> <b>Number of bus passengers: 81</b>

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles affected: **136**

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicle affected: **100%**

(c)(5) Description of the defect

**In the event of a left tag axle tire blow out, the debris might damage the Fuel Pro filter compartment base plate. If this lower base plate cannot withstand the impact from the debris, the drain valve and/or the water-in-fuel sensor fitted to the base of the Fuel Pro filter unit might be damaged.**

**When the engine is still running, the damage to the drain valve and/or the water-in-fuel sensor can lead to a fuel leak, allowing the fuel to spread into the engine compartment, thus increasing the risk for a potential fire hazard.**

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events

**On two occasions this summer, communication from the field indicated that a left tag axle tire failure caused damage to the Fuel Pro filter compartment base plate.**

(c)(7) Noncompliance : n.a.

(c)(8) (i) Remedy Program

**On the recalled vehicles it is necessary to fit a thicker lower base plate in stainless steel. This plate will provide sufficient protection to Fuel Pro filter unit should any tire blowout occur.**

**For this purpose, thicker plates have been made available. Refer to the procedure in Service Bulletin SB1247 for fitting instructions.**

(ii) Remedy Schedule

**By November 15th, 2012 the owner notifications will be issued and completed.**

(c)(9) Replacement of tires : n.a.

(c)(10) Representative copy of communications

**Copy of owner notification letter and service bulletin will be submitted for review before mailing.**

(c)(11) Manufacturer's assigned campaign number : **P703.**