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Saint-Eustache, August 7, 2012

**DEFECT NOTICE (Part 577)
NHTSA REF # 12V-334**

Dear Sir or Madam,

This Defect Notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Nova Bus has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Nova LFS vehicles equipped with a Bendix E-10 Brake pedal. The brake valves containing the possibly defective part were manufactured between July 27, 2011 and May 18, 2012 and were installed on Nova vehicles between October 6, 2011 and April 4, 2012.

A supplier of Nova Bus, Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC (Bendix), has reported a defect with one of the parts that it supplies. According to the supplier, the plunger of the E-10 brake valve could contain a thin wall section. In the case of such a defect, the wall could fracture during the application of the brakes, which would lead to a reduction of the angle and of the movement of the brake pedal. In such a situation, the operator may be incapable of braking at full capacity and the vehicle risks being involved in an accident, causing bodily injury to those persons inside the vehicle (operator and passengers) and outside the vehicle (other road users and pedestrians, etc.). No warning would occur prior to the defect.

Vehicles targeted by this notification can be identified by their vehicle identification number (VIN). A list of the targeted VINs is annexed at the end of this document.

For vehicles targeted by this recall, Bendix and Nova Bus proposes to replace the plunger of the E-10 brake valve. Nova Bus will release a document (CR1875E) explaining the replacement procedure, provided by Bendix. This document is available to you on our Internet site by accessing our website at <http://www.novabus.com/on-line-services.html>. The necessary replacement parts are available via the Prevost Parts distribution network. Bendix and Nova Bus will assume the entire costs of the parts, and the cost of labour will be reimbursed according to warranty conditions in effect. The repairs should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days. If you have any questions regarding the requirements of this campaign, please contact your local Nova Bus after-sales service representative.

After contacting your service representative, if you are still not able to have the safety defect remedied without charge and within reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590, or call 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Sincerely,

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