



IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE:12V-346

Dear Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Collins Bus Corporation has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Collins, Mid Bus, or Corbeil buses.

!!IMPORTANT!
>Your bus is being recalled.
>You should contact your nearest dealer for inspection and repair.

Why is a recall being conducted?

The Double Out Door (DOD) linkage, bracket, or support hardware may fail the Drawstring Test, using a drawstring and 1/2" nut. When the DOD is open, there is potential for a gap at the door bracket or at the support hardware that can fail the test. This failed test raises the possibility that a drawstring could become entangled as a passenger is exiting the bus, resulting in injury.

What are we doing about the problem?

We are instructing your Collins distributor to inspect and repair your vehicle. The repair consists of removing the existing bracket on the DOD and replacing it with a newly designed bracket. Also, a shield bracket will be installed where the support hardware is attached to the door post. Collins Bus Corporation Customer Service will provide the required parts and instructions. The estimated inspection and repair time is 20 minutes per vehicle. These repairs are offered to you free of charge.

What should you do?

Contact your local Collins Bus Corporation dealer and schedule a time to have your bus inspected and repaired. After the repairs are complete, please fill in the appropriate information on the enclosed Owner Response Postcard, sign it, and mail it to Collins Bus Corporation.

What if you no longer own this bus?

If you are not the current owner of the vehicle, please indicate this on the Owner Response Postcard and return the card to us.

Who should you contact if you have further questions or concerns?

Ginger Markus, Warranty Coordinator
Collins Bus Corporation
415 West 6th Street
South Hutchinson, KS 57505
(800) 533-1850, ext. 424
Email: ginger.markus@collinsbus.com
Fax: (620) 662-3838

If you are the lessor of this vehicle, please forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days to comply with federal regulations.

If you have already paid to have your bus repaired for this condition, you may be eligible for reimbursement of the charges you paid for the repair or replacement of components. To learn more about what you need to do to obtain reimbursement, call (800) 533-1850. If after having attempted to take advantage of this recall you believe you have not been able to have your bus remedied without charge and within a reasonable amount of time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C., 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this safety recall may cause, but your safety is our first concern.

Sincerely,

Collins Bus Corporation

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COLLINS BUS NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

Owner Response Postcard

VIN _____
Collins Unit Number _____

- This vehicle was inspected and repaired according to instructions
- This vehicle was inspected and determined to not need repair
- This vehicle was sold to: _____
- This vehicle was stolen
- This vehicle was destroyed

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State/ZIP _____

OWNER'S (OR FORMER OWNER'S) SIGNATURE



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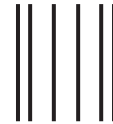
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Collins Bus Corporation

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