



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Timothy Nalepka
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Motor Coach Industries
1700 East Golf Road
Schaumburg, IL 60173

NVS-215KS
13V-142

Subject: Failure of Exhaust Bellows Pipe

Dear Mr. Nalepka:

This letter serves to acknowledge Motor Coach Industries's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

MCI/D4000/2012-2013
MCI/D4000ISTV/2012-2013
MCI/D4005/2012-2013
MCI/D4500/2012-2013
MCI/D4505/2012-2013

Mfr's Report Date: April 15, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-142

Components:

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:EXHAUST SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 155

Problem Description:

Motor Coach Industries (MCI) is recalling certain model year 2012-2013 D4000, D4000ISTV, D4005, D4500, and D4505 motorcoaches manufactured from May 2012 through December 2012 and equipped with a Cummins ISX EPA 2010 engine. In the affected buses, the bellows pipe in the exhaust system may have been incorrectly assembled, which could result in a failure of the pipe during operation.

Consequence:

During a regeneration process to clean exhaust emissions, if the bellows pipe has failed, the hot exhaust gases may not be contained, resulting in a fire.

Remedy:

MCI will notify owners and dealers will inspect and replace the bellows pipes, as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in May 2013. Customers may contact MCI at 1-847-285-2000.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received MCI's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement