



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

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Mr. Timothy Nalepka
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NVS-215KS
14V-172

Subject: Seats may Detach from Floor in a Crash

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/E4500/2009-2014
MCI/J4500/2009-2014

Mfr's Report Date: April 3, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-172

Components:

SEAT BELTS:FRONT:ANCHORAGE
SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 957

Problem Description:

Motor Coach Industries (MCI) is recalling certain model year 2009-2014 E4500 and J4500 motorcoaches manufactured October 2008 through October 2013, and equipped with passenger seats with 3-point seat belts. The seat track for the second row passenger seats may be missing a weld at the end of the seat track where it enters the frame structure.

Consequence:

In the event of a crash, the seat may detach from its floor mounting, increasing the risk of injury to the occupant.

Remedy:

MCI will notify owners, and dealers will modify the seat anchorage, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in May 2014. Owners may contact MCI at 1-800-241-2947. MCI's number for this recall is 408.

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).

The information in your report suggests that Motor Coach Industries may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation. Specifically, MCI does not identify when it conducted the testing it references that identified a failure to comply. Please, at a minimum, provide those dates as soon as possible, together with any additional information that support MCI's timely identification of this noncompliance and its report to NHTSA.

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