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Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
 Att: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
 Washington, D.C. 20590  
 USA

Koningshooikt, May 23nd, 2014

**Defect Information Report relating to Van Hool Motorcoaches Model C2045 equipped with a Sure Power Battery Equalizer with part number 52206**

Dear Associate Administrator for Enforcement,

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Van Hool N.V. hereby notifies NHTSA of the intention to recall the Van Hool motorcoaches identified below.

- (1) Manufacturer: **Van Hool N.V.**  
 Designated Agent: **ABC Bus Companies, Inc.**
- (2) (ii) Identification of the vehicles containing the defect: **The recalled vehicles are motorcoaches with a Battery Equalizer of Sure Power with part number 52206**

Make: <b>Van Hool</b>
Model: <b>C2045</b>
Model Year(s): <b>2004;2006;2013</b>
Inclusive dates of manufacture : <b>beginning Dec. 2003 – ending Dec. 2012</b>
Body Style/type : <b>Motorcoach</b>
Other information necessary to describe these vehicles : buses <b>last 5 numbers of VIN : 46516-46520; 46527-46530; 46628-46632; 46359-46360;      48009-48010</b>
<b>Number of passengers: 50</b>

- (iv) Identification of the manufacturer of the component: **Sure Power, Inc.**  
**10189 SW Avery St.**  
**Tualatin, OR 97062**



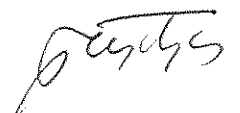
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- (3) Total number of vehicles affected: **18**
- (4) Percentage of vehicle affected: **100%**
- (5) Description of the defect: **The vehicles have a battery equalizer installed which contain a particular potting compound. According to safety recall 13E-050, this potting compound was found to be capable of conducting electricity after being exposed to heat. Once electrically conductive, the material is capable of melting and burning, increasing the risk of a fire.**
- (6) Chronology of principal events: **On March 18, 2014 we received a letter from ABC Bus Companies requesting us a search of Van Hool vehicles with a Sure Power shipped.**
- (8) (i) Remedy Program: **Our designated agent ABC Bus, Inc. will notify Van Hool motorcoach owners with this equipment by mail sent to their addresses and conduct the recall.**  
  
(ii) Remedy Schedule: **The owner notifications will be issued within 30 days.**
- (10) Representative copy of communications  
**Copy of owner notification letter and service bulletin will be submitted for review before mailing.**
- (11) Manufacturer's assigned campaign number : **P725.**

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

Yours sincerely,  
Van Hool N.V.

  
Hugo De Roo  
Area Export Manager

  
Pascale Reyntjens  
Compliance and Regulations

*Cc. Transmitted by email to :*  
*ABC Bus Inc.: Anne Archambault (to be distributed as needed)*  
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