



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

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Mr. Timothy Nalepka
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Motor Coach Industries
200 E. Oakton Street
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NVS-215KS
15V-837

Subject: Axle Hanger Bracket may be Missing Welds

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/D4500/2015
MCI/D4505/2015

Mfr's Report Date: December 11, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-837

Components:

POWER TRAIN:AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 32

Problem Description:

Motor Coach Industries (MCI) is recalling certain model year 2015 D4500 motor coaches manufactured January 23, 2015, to May 1, 2015, and D4505 motor coaches manufactured May 12, 2015, to May 13, 2015. The affected coaches have drive axles that may be missing welds on the hanger brackets, allowing the hanger bracket to separate from the axle housing.

Consequence:

If the bracket separates from the axle housing, vehicle control may be affected, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

MCI will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the coaches and replace the affected axles, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in January 2016. Owners may contact MCI customer service at 1-800-241-2947. MCI's number for this recall is SB 429.

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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