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National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF  
DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 03E-009 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

**Part 573 Report Date:** February 6, 2003

**MANUFACTURER:** Cummins, Inc.

**MANUFACTURER CONTACT:** Mr. Steve R. Butler, Engine Certification Director

**FAX:** 812-377-8739

**SUBJECT:** 7,618 Cummins ISB Model engines installed in school buses manufactured by Blue Bird and Freightliner Custom Chassis. The affected engines were built from March 1998 through February 1999, and have an Engine Serial Number within the range of 45480143 to 45818756 or 56436052 to 56561539. The lower alternator support brace or mounting hardware can loosen or break which will allow the alternator to drop onto the engine. In this event, the electrical wiring harness may be damaged and the possibility of fire may exist.

This is an **initial** acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

**NOTIFICATION TO PURCHASERS**

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and have noted the following deficiencies. Please make the following changes and submit a final notification letter.

- The toll-free number to our Auto Safety Hotline has been changed to 888-327-4236.
- The second sentence in paragraph one should read, "Cummins, Inc. has decided . . ." rather than determined.
- We suggest the language of the last sentence of the third paragraph be changed to, "Under these conditions, the electrical wiring harness may be damaged and the possibility of fire may exist."
- Please incorporate the following paragraph:

"If you are a lessor of vehicles which are equipped with affected [insert subject], Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days."

If you have any questions, please call:

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