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April 13, 2012

Attention: Joshua Neff and/or Kelly Schuler

In accordance with CFR 49 Part 573, Transportation Collaborative Inc on behalf of the U.S. Bus Corporation in regards to the recent Braun Corporation recall, has decided that a defect exists which relates to motor vehicle safety and specifically, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 571.403; *"Platform Lift Systems for Motor Vehicles"*.

This report was e-mailed to NHTSA on April 13, 2012 to KellySchuler@dot.gov, Joshua.Neff@dot.gov, and RMD.ODI@dot.gov. In addition, a physical copy has been sent, via UPS. If there are any questions regarding the information I have submitted, please contact me at 845-988-2333.

Respectfully,

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PART 573 Defects and Noncompliance Report Revision: A

Report Date: April 10, 2012

I.

Transportation Collaborative Inc has decided to conduct a recall on behalf of the U.S. Bus corporation in regards to the Braun Corporation recall(Equipment Manufacturer). The defect exists on certain Handicapped accessible School Buses, equipped with Braun Century 2 or Vista 2nd Generation Lift systems and manufactured between November 20, 2006 until September 10, 2010.

The defect involves Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 571.403 "*Platform Lift Systems in Motor Vehicles*". Specifically, the roll stop latch functionality of the Century 2 and Vista 2nd Gen. Lifts may not be compliant because of impact through continued use causing misalignment that may not be mitigated during lift operation or use.

Vehicles not involved in the recall:

U.S. Bus School Bus models, manufactured between November 10, 2006 until November 1, 2007 that are not equipped with Braun Century 2 or Vista 2nd Generation Platform Lift systems.

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U.S. School Bus models, manufactured between November 10, 2006 until November 1, 2007 that are equipped with Braun Century 2 or Vista 2nd Generation Platform Lift systems.

Approximate percentage of the total of vehicles estimated to actually contain the non-compliance:

100%

Vehicle population as of April 12, 2012:

YEAR	MODEL	QTY.
2007	DW7+9195FRL	1
	Total:	1

Identify and describe how the original recall population was determined:

April 09, 2012 -

TransTech Bus received notification from the Braun Corporation about a noncompliance that





exists within certain Century 2 and Vista 2nd generation Platform Lift Systems manufactured between November 20, 2006 until September 10, 2010.

April 10, 2012 –

Our internal investigation begins to seek the population size of the recall.

April 12, 2012 –

Our internal investigation determined that of the twenty-five (25) serials that we have received notifications for recall from Braun, there is one possible candidates that may be affected within the vehicles produced by U.S. Bus. Inspection by end-users will be required for verification.

II.

Describe the Non-compliance:

The noncompliance involves FMVSS No. 571.403 “*Platform Lift Systems in Motor Vehicles*”. The location of the defect is the outboard end of the wheelchair lift platform, specifically at the outer barrier. The defect manifests itself when the roll stop latches are no longer capable of restraining the roll stop to prevent wheelchair passengers from defeating or riding over the roll stop. This may be caused by ill maintenance related to damaged part replacement, or product misuse through high-energy wheelchair/scooter impacts.

Describe the consequence of the Non-compliance:

The consequence of the defect is that the roll stop and latch parts may not operate properly or may become bent or misaligned through impact or continued use, and a wheelchair occupant may defeat or ride over the insufficiently latched roll stop. If this occurs when the lift platform is in an elevated position, the wheelchair/passenger may fall to the ground and sustain injury.

Identify any warning, which can (A) Precede or (B) Occur:

There is no definitive warning that will precede failure of this component. Physical inspection of serial numbers is required for positive confirmation.

III.

With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the non-compliance was determined:

April 10, 2012 – TransTech Bus, a TCI Company, received notification of this noncompliance via USPS and subsequently issued a Notification to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration pursuant to CFR Part 573, and began to determine population metrics.





Identify the remedy:

Transportation Collaborative Inc on behalf of the U.S. Bus Corporation will notify the owners of the affected vehicles and dealers that sold the vehicles. Customers and dealers will be required to inspect and remedy vehicles that are affected by the defect. The inspection process for this recall begins by viewing your Platform Lift systems serial numbers to see if there is a match.

Transportation Collaborative Inc. on behalf of the U.S. Bus Corporation will also provide the Braun installation kit (this contains a toolkit with the necessary equipment to remedy your roll stop latching issues) and the repair kit (this contains all the necessary parts to remedy the lift to become fully compliant. These kits will be provided to customers, dealers and or any authorized repair facility needed, at no cost. Transportation Collaborative Inc. will assist all customers with scheduling repairs and locating authorized repair facilities.

Any cost incurred to the owners, purchasers and dealers of Vehicles affected by this recall number will be reimbursed by Transportation Collaborative Inc. within a reasonable time of the notifications. Transportation Collaborative Inc. reimburses customers and dealers within 30 days of the remedy.

Recall Schedule:

Upon approval of this report, Transportation Collaborative Inc. on behalf of the U.S. Bus Corporation will begin to notify customers by issuing Notification letters to the dealers and customers along with inspection instructions as provided by the Braun Corporation. This scheduled mailing will occur no later than April 25, 2012.

All questions regarding this recall should be addressed to:

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Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Downey', is written over a light blue grid background.

Date: 03/13/12

