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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations - Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Collins Bus Corporation is submitting information relating to a safety recall we are conducting. Specific information is as follows:

573.6(c) (1) Vehicles affected are manufactured by:

Collins Bus Corporation, a division of Collins Industries, Inc.
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Hutchinson, Kansas 67504-2946

573.6(c) (2) the following vehicle models are being recalled:

Collins Ford and Chevy Grand Bantam and Super Bantam built on 2008 and 2010 chassis and Mid Bus Ford and Chevy Grand Guide and Super Guide School Buses built on 2008 and 2010 chassis with a Braun NCL917IB-2 Century Model lift installed.

573.6(c) (3) the total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect is:

Total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect is 238 the majority of these vehicles are in the possession of end users. Some vehicles are in the possession of Collins Bus distributors awaiting delivery to end-users.

573.6(c) (4) the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles to contain the defect is:

The population stated in section 573.6(c) (3) represents all Collins School Buses with Braun NCL917IB-2 Lift installed from February 21, 2008 through September 21, 2010. An estimated 100% of the vehicles contain this defect.

573.6(c) (5) Description of the defect:

Vehicles with Braun NCL917IB-2 Century wheel chair lift installed may not comply with FMVSS 403. 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.

573.6(c) (6) the following is a summary of all the events that were the basis for determining the defect.

Braun received notice of a single complaint filed with NHTSA during late summer of 2011. This complaint prompted a NHTSA Preliminary Evaluation to assess the scope and severity of the alleged defect. Upon learning of the complaint, Braun objected to NHTSA' allegation of defect acknowledged that it had earlier addressed roll stop latch/ latch bracket damage issues via two Service Bulletins in April and June 2010. These Service Bulletins were created to address situations where damaged roll stop latches and latch brackets made roll stop securement questionable. After further consultation with NHTSA Braun concluded it would conduct a voluntary recall in the interest of public safety. Braun has addressed 41 warranty claims involving damaged roll stops, roll stop latches, and roll stop latch brackets. These were repaired by shipping/installing repair parts pursuant to the aforementioned Service Bulletins.

Since introduction of the subjects lifts in November 2006, Braun has received notice of 3 claims alleging injury and 1 claim alleging injury /fatality.

573.6(c) (7) Test results or data:

NA

573.6(c)(8)(i) The defect will be corrected as follows:

Customers will be instructed to take their vehicles to a Braun dealership or certified Collins Bus dealership. Measurements and necessary adjustments will be made to assure compliance to the defects noted in section 573.6(c)(5).

573.6(c)(8)(ii) Correspondence to notify Collins Bus Corporation distributors and Customers of the safety recall:

Mailing of Customer and Distributor notification letters is scheduled to be completed by June 22 2012

573.6(c)(10)

Attached is a copy of the proposed Owners Notification Letter and Owner Response Postcard that Collins Bus Corporation will send to the vehicle owners.

573.6(c)(11)

Collins Bus Corporation will use the campaign identification number assigned by NHTSA.

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Sincerely,
COLLINS BUS CORPORATION

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