

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

Assigned Recall No. 99V-033.004 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

APR 15 1999

Part 573 Report Date: **April 5, 1999**

Manufacturer: **World Trans, Inc.**

Manufacturer Contact: **Mr. Jeff Slifer, Service Manager**

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SUBJECT: 81 World Trans, Inc. 1996-1997 Series 3000 transit buses equipped with Dana front axle assemblies produced from May 1, 1996 through October 31, 1997. The tie rod end can pull outboard and separate from the tie rod tube due to improper thread engagement between the male tie rod end and the female tube. Separation of the tie rod end could result in loss of steering control, increasing the risk of a vehicle crash.

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.

It is our understanding that Dana Corporation will be providing the quarterly status reports for this safety recall. Therefore, at this time it will not be necessary for your company to provide additional quarterly reports as long as Dana's safety recall campaign is successful. We encourage World Trans' complete cooperation with Dana to facilitate the success of the recall.

If you have any questions, please call:

 Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst or Jonathan White, Chief
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Dear Mr. Slifer:

We have reviewed World Trans, Inc.'s (World Trans) Defect Information Report dated April 5, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 81 World Trans, Inc. 1996-1997 Series 3000 transit buses equipped with Dana front axle assemblies produced from May 1, 1996 through October 31, 1997. The tie rod end can pull outboard and separate from the tie rod tube due to improper thread engagement between the male tie rod end and the female tube. Separation of the tie rod end could result in loss of steering control, increasing the risk of a vehicle crash. **The assigned ID Number for this recall campaign is 99V-033.004.**

World Trans is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.

Quarterly Status Reports

It is our understanding that Dana Corporation will be providing the quarterly status reports for this safety recall. Therefore, at this time it will not be necessary for your company to provide additional quarterly reports as long as Dana's safety recall campaign is successful. We encourage World Trans's complete cooperation with Dana to facilitate the success of the recall.

Recall Communications

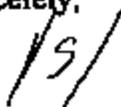
Communications pertaining to safety recalls and issued by World Trans to more than one distributor, dealer, purchaser, or owner are to be submitted to this office within 5 days of issuance as described under 49 CFR Part 573.5(c)(9). Where this information is sent over a period time, the communications are to be submitted within 5 days from the date the communications were first sent, and furnish the date, or range of dates, each communication was issued. This includes information transmitted by computer, telefax, or other electronic means; and initial or interim communications. All copies are to be in readable form and a written transcript should be provided for each non-written communication. Also, if the communication was not nationally and uniformly distributed, then identify the criteria used for the distribution.

Manufacturer Communications

Part 573.8, "Notices, Bulletins and Other Communications," requires that every motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment manufacturer shall furnish a copy of **all notices, bulletins, and other communications (including warranty and policy extension communiques and product improvement bulletins)** to manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or purchasers, regarding any defect in its vehicle or items of equipment (including any failure or malfunction beyond normal deterioration in use, any failure of performance, or any flaw or unintended deviation from design specifications), **whether or not such defect is safety related**. These notices or communications are to be submitted, regardless of the media used to transmit the information. Where communications are made orally or electronically, provide a transcript. In all other cases, provide the information in the media form used to transmit the information. On a case by case basis, we may require written transcripts of this material as well. Copies are to be submitted monthly, not more than 5 working days after the end of each month.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,



Jonathan D. White, Chief
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Safety Assurance