

July 27, 2000

Mr. Jonathon White  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, S. W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

00V-208 (1)

Subject: Safety Recall 00-302 (NHTSA # N/A)

Dear Sir:

On July 24, 2000 American Transportation Corporation decided that a defect exist in the motor vehicles listed on sheet two of this report, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Attached is a vehicle defect information report which is submitted pursuant to Parts 573.5, 151 (1), and 153 (1-8) of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall.

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION



Robert L. Douglas  
Director of Product Integrity

Enclosures

cc: Dan Van Brunt  
Bob Whitehouse

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VEHICLE DEFECT  
INITIAL INFORMATION REPORT

NHTSA Recall No. N/A  
American Transportation  
Recall No. 00-302

MAKE	MODELS	MODEL YEAR	NUMBER OF VEHICLES	MANUFACTURING DATES		OTHER IDENTIFICATION NECESSARY TO DESCRIBE VEHICLE
				FROM	THROUGH	
AmTran FE™	GA	2001	130	6/1/00	7/15/00	None
AmTran RE™	GC	2001	98	6/1/00	6/28/00	None
AmTran IC™	IC	2001	29	3/17/00	6/13/00	None

Total Number of Vehicles:

257

Percent Potentially Containing Defect: 100%

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AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION

NHTSA RECALL # N/A  
American Transportation  
RECALL NO 00-302

VEHICLE DEFECT  
INITIAL INFORMATION REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT: American Transportation FE™, RE™ and IC™ buses were built with the improper model year code in the VIN number. FE and RE buses built since June 1, 2000 and all "IC" models were built as 2001 models but display the 2000 model year code in the vin number. Having the wrong model year code in the VIN number is non-compliant with FMVSS 585.

CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS, WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF DEFECT: During inspection of buses on July 24, 2000 the defect was discovered.

- 1) MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO REPAIR VEHICLE: All owners will be notified of the defect. Instructions on how repair the defect will be included in the recall notice. The repair procedure for this defect will require replacing the certification label in the buses with the correct date code in the VIN number. All documents related to registration will also have to be corrected.
- 2) REMEDY EXPENSE: American Transportation will reimburse owners for labor or provide free repair upon request. All labels and documents will be provided at no charge.
- 3) EARLIEST DATE DEFECT TO BE REMEDIED: All units that have not been shipped will be held for repair prior to shipping. The correct model year date was in production and completed units were being repaired on July 26, 2000.
- 4) PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: There will be no public announcement.
- 5) OWNER LETTER AND TECHNICAL LETTER: Start mailing of recall letter to the customers and dealers by September 1, 2000.

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# American Transportation Corporation

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September 21, 2000

Subject: Safety Recall 00-302 (NHTSA # 00V-208) REVISED REPORT

Dear Sir:

On July 24, 2000 American Transportation Corporation decided that a defect exist in the motor vehicles listed on sheet two of this report, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

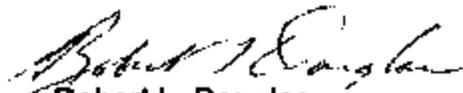
Attached is a vehicle revised defect information report which is submitted pursuant to Parts 573.5, 151 (1), and 153 (1-6) of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

The changes to the revised report include the increase from 257 vehicles to 327 and the manufacturing dates were updated. All customers have been notified.

The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall.

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION

  
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Director of Product Integrity

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VEHICLE DEFECT  
REVISED INFORMATION REPORT

NHTSA Recall No. 00V-208  
American Transportation  
Recall No. 00-302

MAKE	MODELS	MODEL YEAR	NUMBER OF VEHICLES	MANUFACTURING DATES		OTHER IDENTIFICATION NECESSARY TO DESCRIBE VEHICLE
				FROM	THROUGH	
AmTran FE™	GA	2001	159	6/3/00	8/10/00	None
AmTran RE™	GC	2001	132	6/2/00	8/4/00	None
AmTran IC™	IC	2001	36	3/17/00	7/24/00	None

Total Number of Vehicles:

327

Percent Potentially Containing Defect: 100%

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AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION

NHTSA RECALL # 00V-208  
American Transportation  
RECALL NO 00-302

VEHICLE DEFECT  
REVISED INFORMATION REPORT

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**CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS, WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF DEFECT:** During inspection of buses on July 24, 2000 the defect was discovered.

- 1) **MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO REPAIR VEHICLE:** All owners will be notified of the defect. Instructions on how repair the defect will be included in the recall notice. The repair procedure for this defect will require replacing the certification label in the buses with the correct date code in the VIN number. All documents related to registration will also have to be corrected.
- 2) **REMEDY EXPENSE:** American Transportation will reimburse owners for labor or provide free repair upon request. All labels and documents will be provided at no charge.
- 3) **EARLIEST DATE DEFECT TO BE REMEDIED:** All units that have not been shipped will be held for repair prior to shipping. The correct model year date was in production on August 11, 2000 and completed units were being repaired on July 26, 2000.
- 4) **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT DATE:** There will be no public announcement.
- 5) **OWNER LETTER AND TECHNICAL LETTER:** Start mailing of recall letter to the customers and dealers by September 1, 2000.