

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

Assigned Recall No. 00V-390 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: November 22, 2000

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SUBJECT: 73 AmTran 2001 RE school buses equipped with Hehr International rear exit windows with vandal locks and manufactured from July 31 through November 2, 2000. These buses were built with rear emergency exit windows incorporating a lock option that could be left in the lock position and allow the engine to be started. This does not comply with the requirements of FMVSS 217, "Bus Emergency Exits and Window Retention and Release." AmTran Recall No. 00-304.

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.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle which fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

In accordance with Part 577, amended July 7, 1995, a draft owner notification letter must be submitted for review prior to mailing.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin December 11, 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2001.

If you have any questions, please call:

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