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Traffic Safety
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NVS-215paw
06V-481

Subject: BOOST CONNECTOR

Dear MR. NALEPKA:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

MCI/102D3/1997-2006
MCI/102DL3/1997-2006
MCI/102DL3SS/1997-2006
MCI/D4000/1997-2006
MCI/D4500/1997-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-481

Mfg's Report Date: December 5, 2006

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,617

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTOR COACHES, THE BOOST CONNECTOR HOUSING CAN FAIL OVER TIME, EXPOSING THE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE TERMINALS.

Consequence:

THIS COULD RESULT IN THE GROUNDING OF AN UNPROTECTED CIRCUIT AND COULD LEAD TO A THERMAL EVENT IF NOT CORRECTED.

Remedy:

CUSTOMERS ARE BEING ADVISED TO REMOVE THE BOOST CONNECTOR AND DISCARD IT. CUSTOMERS WILL BE OFFERED A NEW DESIGN BOOST CONNECTOR AS AN ALTERNATIVE AT NO COST. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MCI AT 1-800-241-2947.

Notes:

MCI RECALL NO. 274. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV).

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577. The second paragraph needs to read: "Motor Coach Industries, Inc. ("MCI") has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on certain MCI 102D3, 102DL3, 102DL3SS, D4000 and D4500 model coaches."

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, 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 during January 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before April 30, 2007.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@dot.gov or delia.lopez@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia A. Wallace".

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement