

July 17, 2013

Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington D.C. 20590

Subject: Defect Information Report (Initial)  
Navistar Campaign 13511

Dear Associate Administrator:

This defect information report is submitted pursuant to Part 573.6(a).

*(1) MANUFACTURER'S NAME [Part 573.6(c)(1)]*

- Navistar, Inc. on behalf of IC Bus, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary.

*(2) IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES [Part 573.6(c)(2)]*

- Vehicle Type / Make / Model / Model Year Involved:
  - School Bus / IC Bus / CE / 2006, 2007, 2008,2009, and 2012
  - School Bus / IC Bus / RE / 2006, 2007, 2008,2009, 2011, 2012, and 2013
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
  - 10/06/2005 thru 04/18/2012
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
  - Seats produced by the CE White Manufacturing Company with the Flip Seat option.

*(3) COMPONENT MANUFACTURER [Part 573.6(c)(2)(iv)]*

- This report relates only to a component supplied by CE White Manufacturing Co. Contact information is:

Dan Daniels  
Vice President of Engineering  
The CE White Company  
417 North Kibler St.  
New Washington, Ohio 44854

*(4) VEHICLE POPULATION INVOLVED [Part 573.6 (c)(3)]*

Type	Make	Model	Number of Suspect Vehicles		
			United States	Canada	Export
School Bus	IC	CE	412	0	0
School Bus	IC	RE	250	0	0

*(5) PERCENTAGE OF VEHICLES ESTIMATED TO CONTAIN THE DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(4)]*

- It is estimated that all (100%) of the vehicles in suspect population could have the defect.

*(6) DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(5)]*

- The CE White Company has determined that a safety related design defect exists in the “Flip Seat” model. Specifically, it has been determined that when a Flip Seat is placed in a location in the vehicle with an adjacent passenger seat located to the rear of the Flip Seat, it is possible for the occupant of the adjacent passenger seat to insert their toes and/or foot into the lower frame area of the flip seat located just forward. When this condition exists and a second vehicle passenger chooses to occupy the Flip Seat, pushing the seat bottom downward to the horizontal position and sitting in the seat, the occupant of the adjacent seat located to the rear of the Flip Seat could suffer a pinch point injury to their toes and/or foot, as a result of this condition.

*(7) CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF A SAFETY DEFECT or TEST RESULTS THAT LED TO DETERMINATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE [Part 573.6 (c)(6)/(7)]*

- 05/10/2013 – CE White Company sent initial notice to IC bus referencing CE White’s defect report 13E-020 stating that a safety related design defect exists in certain seat models as noted in defect report 13E-020.
- 06/19/2013 – IC Bus receives preliminary list of seat delivery information and associated repair kit from CE White and initiates a vehicle search to determine the scope of the suspect bus population.
- 06/25/2013 – IC Bus Engineering reviews the placement of the flip seat in the bus body to determine the likelihood of the defective condition from occurring.
- 07/05/2013 – IC Bus finalized the population of suspect school buses.
- 07/10/2013 – Navistar declares a safety recall.

*(8) PROGRAM TO REMEDY DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)]*

- The remedy will involve installation of a formed plastic guard to prevent the occupant of the adjacent seat to insert their toes and/or foot into the lower frame area of the Flip Seat.

*(9) PLAN FOR REIMBURSEMENT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i)]*

- Navistar's plan for reimbursement of pre-notification remedies, on file and dated 01/05/09, applies and instructions will be included in the customer notification.

*(10) SCHEDULE FOR RECALL NOTIFICATION [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)]*

- The schedule for recall notification is based on the availability of repair parts which cannot be determined at this time. However, a plan to mail an interim owner notification letter may be developed if the final remedy will not be available before 09/17/2013.

*(11) MANUFACTURER'S CAMPAIGN NUMBER [Part 573.6 (c)(11)]*

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The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall on (331) 332-1590.

Sincerely,



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Navistar, Inc.

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