
VEHICLE RECALL

AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION RECALL # 01301
NHTSA RECALL # 01V-177

June 2001

All American Transportation Dealers

SUBJECT: **VEHICLE RECALL**
IC (Bus Boy) Cross View Mirror System

DEFECT DESCRIPTION

American Transportation has mailed to the affected customers the following notice. This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. American Transportation Corporation has determined that the cross view **mirror system** in certain International® IC school buses fails to conform to federal regulation requirements (49 CFR 571.111 9.3(a), also known as FMVSS No.111, Section 9.3(a)).

On the subject International IC school buses, the lower support arm of the left and right side cross view mirrors were mounted too low. The line of sight from the driver to the cross view mirrors may be obscured by the dash panel. The mirror system involved is with the Bus Boy cross view mirrors only. **Obstruction of the line of sight to the cross view mirrors could prevent the bus driver from seeing passengers in the area that is normally viewed with the aid of the cross view mirrors, which might result in an accident that could cause injury and/or death.**

VEHICLES INVOLVED

The affected International IC model school buses were built from April 6, 2000 through April 23, 2001.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

The customer was requested to advise the operators of the subject buses of this defect. Make sure that the drivers adjust all mirrors for proper visibility before operating the school bus. Complete and return the enclosed **"AUTHORIZATION FOR RECALL SERVICE"** card. When the card is returned to us with box number 8 checked, we will forward to their attention a kit and instructions to move the cross view mirrors up to eliminate the potential obscured line of sight.

REPAIR PROCEDURE

The owner was told that they may make this repair or contact their dealer to perform this repair. The repair procedure involves replacing both cross view mirror support systems using the existing mirror heads and mounting holes. Complete instructions to make the repair are included with the kit and no special tools are required.

LABOR: (Time to perform required repairs)

Remove, and install new mirror support assemblies	.9 hr.
Complete recall information	.2 hr.

PARTS:

<u>PART NUMBER</u>	<u>PART DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Replacement parts for black mirror option		
452384005	Base & Arm Assy L/H Black	1
452384006	Base & Arm Assy R/H Black	1
Replacement parts for stainless steel mirror option		
452384007	Base & Arm Assy L/H SST	1
452384008	Base & Arm Assy R/H SST	1

ADMINISTRATIVE/DEALER RESPONSIBILITIES (U.S. & POSSESSIONS)

Proceed immediately to make necessary corrections to units in inventory. All inventory vehicles subject to this recall campaign must be corrected prior to sale, transfer, or delivery. If vehicles have been sold or transferred and you are in receipt of Customer Notification Letters and Authorization for Recall Service cards for those vehicles, the transfer location or the customer **must be notified from your dealer location**.

The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, as amended, provides that each vehicle which is subject to a vehicle recall campaign must be adequately repaired within a reasonable time after the owner has tendered it for repair. A failure to adequately repair within 60 days after a tender of a vehicle is prima facie evidence of failure to repair within a reasonable time. If the condition is not adequately repaired within 60 days, the owner may be entitled to replacement with an identical or reasonable equivalent vehicle at no charge, or to a refund of the purchase price less a reasonable allowance for depreciation.

To avoid having to replace an owner's vehicle or refund the purchase price, every effort must be made to promptly schedule an appointment with each owner to repair his vehicle as soon as possible.

RECALL CLAIMS – American Transportation Dealers

Refer to the Dealer's Policy Manual for procedures to conduct Recall Campaigns. It is important that the Recall Coding be completed properly to assist in processing the recall claim. Complete instructions will be found in the Dealer Policy Manual, Section 7-1. Special attention should be given to items 39 through 44.

GROUP	NOUN							C	WARR	TP	PAD
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GROUP Enter Recall Number _____

NOUN Leave Blank. _____

C (CAUSE) Enter either 1, 2, or 3.

1. Inspected (No repair required).
2. Inspected and repaired.
3. Defective part from parts stock.

WARRANTY (Warranty Code) Enter 40. _____

TYPE PART Enter P for type part causing failure. _____

PAD Enter 100 _____

We ask for your full cooperation and follow-up to this important subject matter. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact the Regional Service Manager at your regional office.

ADMINISTRATIVE/DISTRIBUTOR RESPONSIBILITY (EXPORT)

Proceed immediately to make necessary correction to units in inventory. All inventory vehicles subject to this recall campaign must be corrected prior to sale, transfer, or delivery. If vehicles have been sold or transferred and you are in receipt of Customer Notification Letters and Authorization for Recall Service cards for those vehicles, the transfer location or the customer **must be notified from your distributor location**.

Export locations are to submit warranty claims in the usual manner making reference to Safety Recall 01301.

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