

VEHICLE RECALL

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SUBJECT: SAFETY RECALL (U.S., EXPORT)

Engine cover lid on certain FE School Bus and FE Commercial Bus models built between 09-04-2003 and 02-05-2005

DEFECT DESCRIPTION

During pre-trip inspection or engine service, the engine cover lid can be opened until it leans against the instrument panel. There is no latching device to keep the lid open. When it is in the open position, the lid is slightly over center and can close if bumped or if the bus is on a slight incline. Without a retention device, when the engine cover lid is in the open position, it can close without warning resulting in possible **personal injury**.

MODELS INVOLVED

This safety recall involves certain FE School and FE Commercial Busses built between 09-04-2003 and 02-05-2005 at the Conway, Arkansas Bus Assembly Plant.

PARTS INFORMATION

Part Number	Part Description	Quantity
2589248C91	FE Engine Cover Kit - includes: bracket P/N 421756001 (2), cable assy P/N 2211534C91 (1), self tapping screws P/N 24396R1 (4)	1

INSPECTION and REPAIR PROCEDURE



WARNING: To prevent serious eye injury, always wear safe eye protection when you perform vehicle maintenance or service.

All instructions assume that the installer is inside the bus and facing the front. Use a #21 drill bit (.1590 inch) for the screw pilot holes.

1. Mark the location of the first hole for the first latch bracket 4-inches to the right of the windshield center bar. Using the bracket as a template, align the bracket with the flange of the bulkhead to mark the location of the second hole. **Slip one end of the cable onto the bracket before attaching the bracket to the bus body.** Attach the bracket using the screws included in the kit. Figure 1 shows the result.

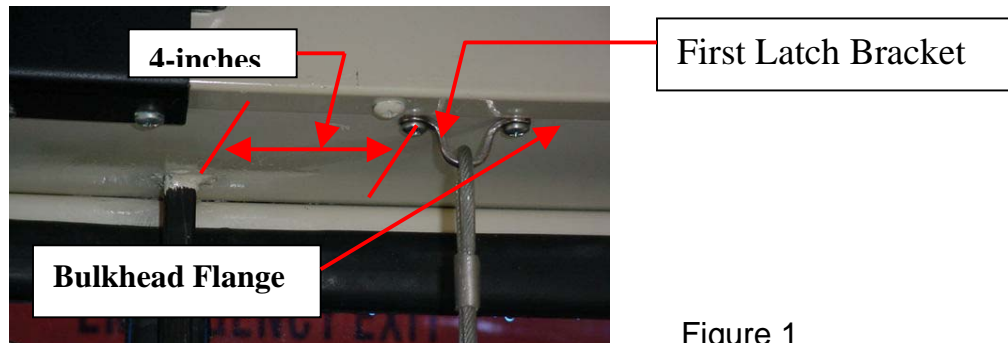


Figure 1

2. Before marking the holes and attaching the second bracket, make sure that the cable will reach and the snap bolt will hook onto the second bracket where you are planning to attach it.
3. Mark the location of the left hole of the second bracket 16-inches to the right of the left hole of the first bracket. Again, using the bracket as a template, align the bracket with the flange of the bulkhead to mark the location of the second hole. See Figure 2.

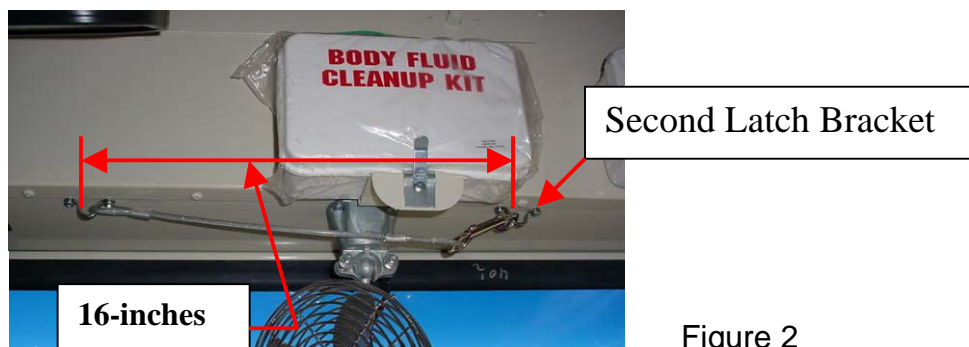


Figure 2

4. For units with optional windshield defogger code 048PKD, the first latch bracket can be installed on the flange of the bulkhead in order to clear the grille. See Figure 3.



Figure 3

5. To retain the engine access cover in the open position, remove the cable latch from the right latch bracket and snap it on to the eye of the engine access cover latch bracket. See Figure 4.

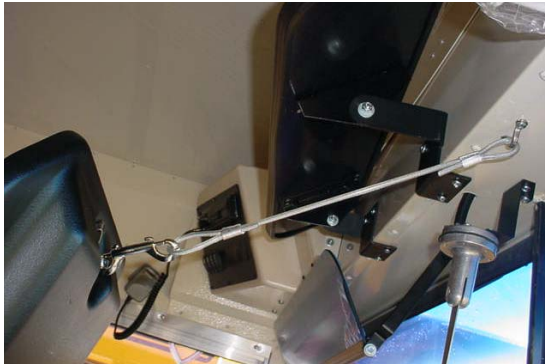


Figure 4

END OF SERVICE PROCEDURE

LABOR INFORMATION

<i>Labor Code</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Time(hour)</i>
A40-05505-1	Installation and Documentation	0.3

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

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 customer must be notified **IMMEDIATELY** from your dealer location.

Dealers must correct all vehicles subject to this campaign at no charge to the owner, regardless of mileage, age of vehicle, or ownership, from this time forward.

The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, as amended, provides that each vehicle that 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.

However, consistent with the customer notification, dealers are expected to complete the repairs on the mutually agreed upon service date.

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

During the recall process, a listing of owner names and addresses will be furnished to the involved dealers to enable dealers to follow up with owners and have the vehicles corrected. You must limit the use of this listing to this campaign because the list may contain information obtained from state motor vehicle registration records and the use of such motor vehicle registration data for purposes other than this campaign is a violation of law in several states.

WARRANTY CLAIMS

Refer to Dealer Warranty Manual for procedures to conduct Recall Campaigns.

It is important that the Recall Coding be completed properly to assist in processing the warranty claim. Complete instructions will be found in the Warranty Manual, Section 7-1. Special attention should be given to Items 39 through 44:

	GROUP	NOUN	C	WARR.	TP	PAD
GROUP Enter number G—						
NOUN Leave blank						
C (CAUSE) Enter either 1, 2, 3. (see below)						
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						

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 customer must be notified from your distributor location.

Export locations are to submit warranty claims in the usual manner making reference to this recall number.

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.