

# VEHICLE RECALL

**AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION RECALL # 01304**  
**NHTSA RECALL # 01V-270**

**September 2001**

**All American Transportation Dealers**

**SUBJECT: VEHICLE RECALL**  
**Accelerator Pedal Interference with Floor Mat**

## **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 accelerator pedal in certain AmTran Conventional buses may interfere with the floor mat when the lower end of the accelerator pedal is depressed. This condition is considered a **safety issue** because it could cause the pedal to stick such that the throttle would remain in partial or full position. This could cause an accident, resulting in possible injury or death.

These units with the combination of an I6 engine, plywood floor and driver insulation package can decrease the distance from the accelerator pedal to the floor. If the operator depresses the lower portion of the accelerator pedal with the toe of his shoe, the pedal will pivot to a vertical position. When the pedal is in this position and pushed forward to accelerate, the bottom edge of the pedal could interfere with the floor mat and stick, causing the throttle to remain in a partial or full position.



**Pedal Held in Vertical Position**

**Contact with Floor**

**Picture with Engine Cover Removed**

## **VEHICLES INVOLVED**

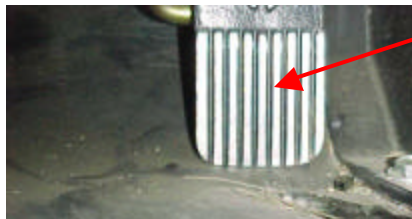
The affected AmTran CS model buses with plywood floors and driver insulation package were assembled on 3800 International chassis with I6 engines built from November 09, 1996 through May 29, 2000.

## **ACTIONS REQUIRED**

Inspect the involved buses for this defect.

## **INSPECTION PROCEDURE**

Inspect the identified bus for this defect using the following procedures. With the engine off and using your fingers, depress the accelerator to the full throttle position by pressing on the lower portion of the pedal only. If the pedal sticks to the floor mat during this inspection, it must be repaired before returning to service. See repair instructions below.



**Press pedal here with your fingers**

**Picture showing pedal depressed to full throttle position**

This recall requires each bus to be inspected as described above for a minimum clearance of  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch between the lower edge of the pedal and the floor mat and/or the metal engine cover plate.

If the clearance is less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch, see the repair instructions below.

If the clearance is  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch or greater, return the self-addressed “**AUTHORIZATION FOR RECALL SERVICE**” card with box # 1 checked (Inspected – No corrections necessary).

## **REPAIR PROCEDURE**

The owner was told that they might make this repair or contact their dealer to perform this repair.

The repair procedure involves removing the accelerator pedal from the bus and removing  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of material from the lower end. The following steps must be followed to repair the defect.

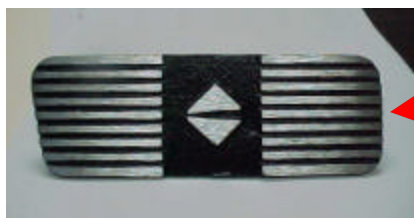
**(WARNING: PROPER EYE PROTECTION MUST BE WORN WHILE OPERATING POWER TOOLS.)**

1. Remove the accelerator pedal/rod assembly by removing two screws attaching the pedal rod to the electronic control unit.



**Remove these two screws**

2. Cut ½ inch from the bottom (non-tapered edge) of the pedal and grind/file the cut edge to remove sharp burrs.



**Remove ½ inch of material from this end of the pedal**

3. Reinstall the pedal/rod assembly to the electronic control unit.
4. Depress the accelerator with your fingers by pressing on the lower edge of the pedal to check for a minimum of ¼ inch clearance to the floor and/or the metal engine cover plate.
5. Complete and return the self-addressed “**AUTHORIZATION FOR RECALL SERVICE**” card with box # 2 (Corrections made) checked along with an invoice for your labor. See “Recall Claims” instructions below.

**LABOR:**

Remove, Rework Pedal and Reinstall	.3 hr
Inspect and Complete Recall Information	.2 hr.

**PARTS:**

None required.

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

Proceed immediately to make the necessary corrections to the units in your 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.

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Special attention should be given to items 39 through 44.

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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.

#### **RECALL CLAIMS:**

#### **For Repairs and/or Inspections Performed By Customer or Dealers Other Than International**

To assist in processing the recall, it is important that you provide an invoice with the following information to American Transportation Corporation, P.O. Box 6000, Conway, AR, 72033, Attn: Compliance Department.

**Body Serial #:**      **Vin #:**      **Recall Campaign #:**      **Facilities Repair Labor Rate:**  
**Inspection Only:**      **Inspection and Repair:**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE/DISTRIBUTOR RESPONSIBILITY (EXPORT)**

Proceed immediately to make the necessary correction to the units in your 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 01304.

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