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A SUBSIDIARY OF INTERNATIONAL TRUCK AND ENGINE CORPORATION

NON-COMPLIANCE RECALL 06505

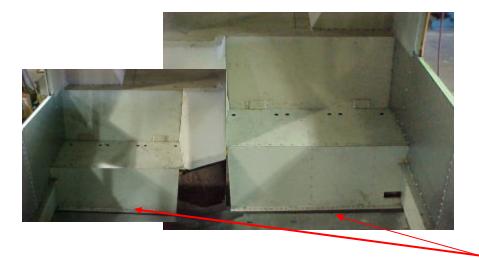
September, 2006

Dear IC Corporation Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. IC Corporation has decided that certain RE buses built between 7/1/2005 and 5/9/2006 fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No.221 "School Bus Body Joint Strength". The vehicle identified on the enclosed green card fits this description and our records show that you own this vehicle. Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

REASON FOR THIS RECALL

The joint where the davenport meets the bus floor may not meet the required minimum joint strength. This has been determined to be noncompliant with FMVSS 221 (571.221 S5.1, 5.1.1, S6.2).



Bottom Davenport Panel to Floor RE Joint

RISK TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY

In the event of a vehicle crash, the defective joint may result in a lack of structural integrity, possibly resulting in an injury or death to the vehicle occupants.

ACTIONS YOU SHOULD TAKE

- 1. Our records show that you are the owner of the vehicle identified on the enclosed card. If you are not the owner, please read paragraph number 6.
- 2. If you would like your IC dealer to make this inspection and repair for you at no cost, please contact your local IC dealer. To have your vehicle repaired, provide your dealer with your green recall card and schedule an appointment.
- 3. If you prefer to inspect and repair the vehicle yourself, the repair instructions are outlined in the "Inspection and Repair Procedure" section below. IC will reimburse you for all reasonable costs of performing the repair.
 - To order parts, fill out and return the enclosed green recall card with box # 8 checked and our Compliance Department will have the parts shipped directly to you at no charge. Please verify that your shipping address is correct. A Post Office Box (P.O. Box) number for shipping is not acceptable. We must have a street or road address. You may also obtain these parts by faxing a request to 1-501-505-2433 or emailing to shawn.finkbeiner@ic-corp.com. If you have multiple VINs that fall within this recall, a fax is the preferred method. The last eight characters of the VIN of each unit to be repaired must be included.
- 4. Repair instructions will be provided to IC dealers by **09/08/2006**. The repair will be performed without charge to you and most likely take less than 1 hour and 15 minutes, but the exact time depends on the bus. Have your dealer verify and correct your address, if necessary.
- 5. If the **vehicle will not be corrected or cannot be corrected**, please mark on the enclosed card under "CHECK ONE" the box, which best describes why the vehicle will not be repaired, and return the postage-prepaid card to us.
- 6. In the event you do not own the vehicle described on the card, please complete the card, fill in the new customer name and address if known, and return it to us. This information will allow us to update our records so we can contact the new owner and you will not be contacted again regarding this recall.

Any correspondence must be addressed to IC Corporation, PO Box 6000, Conway, Arkansas, 72033, Attn: Compliance Department. If you need to contact IC Corporation, please email Shawn Finkbeiner at shawn.finkbeiner@ic-corp.com.

RECALL CLAIMS

For Repairs Performed By Customer or Non-Authorized IC Dealers:

To assist in processing the recall, it is important that you provide an invoice with the following information.

VIN # (or List of VINs repaired)
Recall Campaign #06505
SUBJECT (RE Davenport)
Facilities Repair Labor Rate
Labor Operation Number
Your Tax ID Number
Hours to Repair

All correspondence must be returned to IC Corporation, PO Box 6000, Conway, Arkansas, 72033, Attn: Compliance Department.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE

If you take your vehicle to your dealer on a mutually agreed upon service date, and the dealer does not remedy this condition without charge on that date or within five days, you can obtain assistance by following the procedure described in the Owner Assistance Guide section in your Owner's Manual or by calling toll free 1-800-448-7825.

You may also wish to submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hot-Line at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to http://www.safercar.gov if your IC Dealer fails to repair or is unable to remedy this condition without charge or within a reasonable time.

We request your prompt attention to the correction of this defect and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

PARTS INFORMATION

Kit P/N	Description	Parts Included	Qty
8900185R91	KIT, FIELD FIX, DAVENPORT	2592739C1 – Retaining, Bar Davenport	2
		2592738C1 – Manual, Field Fix Davenport	1
		91305500 - Screw, #12 x 1.5" CRPNH	86
8900188R91	KIT, FIELD FIX, DAVENPORT, SS (Florida only)	2592739C1 – Retaining, Bar Davenport	2
		2592738C1 – Manual, Field Fix Davenport	1
		91302002 - SST Screw, #12 x 1.5" CRFLH BSD	86



WARNING:

TO AVOID PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH WHEN SERVICING THE VEHICLE, PARK ON A FLAT LEVEL SURFACE, SET THE PARKING BRAKE, SHUT THE ENGINE OFF AND CHOCK THE WHEELS.



WARNING:

TO PREVENT SERIOUS EYE INJURY, ALWAYS WEAR SAFE EYE PROTECTION WHEN YOU PERFORM VEHICLE MAINTENANCE OR SERVICE.

REPAIR PROCEDURE

Required Tools

- Cordless impact & #2 Phillips bit
- Drill with 11/64" bit
- Strap cutter or Bolt cutter
- Broom or vacuum
- Magnetic strip or Drill guard
- Hacksaw with metal cutting blade

This repair involves securing three flat retaining bars along the front of the davenport joint. The retaining bars are secured with 1 1/2" screws spaced at 1 1/8" installed through the floor covering, plywood (if applicable), the davenport closeout's lower flange, and into the floor's substructure. The davenport closeout's lower flange is typically not visible beneath the floor mat and plywood (if applicable). There is only one part number for one length of retaining bar. The two shorter retaining bars are made by cutting the longer bar to the appropriate length.

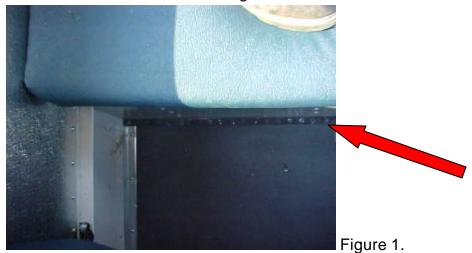
Please note the following requirements prior to completing the repair:

- 1. Right hand side retaining bar must be placed so that it is against the side wall of the bus and as close to the vertical face of the davenport cover as possible.
- 2. All retaining bars must be as close to the vertical face of the davenport closeout as possible.
- 3. Left hand side retaining bar must be positioned so that the outboard end is in line with the heater hose notch.
- 4. The retaining bars should not overlap.
- 5. All screws must be fully seated and secured through the structural channel under the floor.
- 6. Rubber trim must be reinstalled so that the area has a good appearance.
- 7. Any nicks or scratches in the painted surface of the davenport closeout must be repaired.
- 8. All drill shavings must be cleaned up and removed.

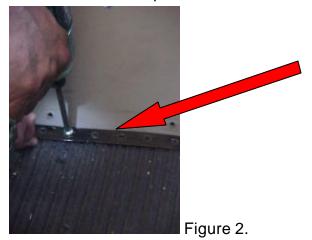
Repair:

- Remove the rubber trim covering the joint between the bottom of the davenport closeout and the floor by removing the retention screws. Typically a cordless impact and #2 Phillips bit will be used.
- 2. Place the trim and screws in a secure place so they can be reinstalled later in the process.
- 3. Remove the last screw in each piece of aisle trim (screw mounted type) so that the trim can be lifted. With screwless trim, lift trim from retaining strip using a thin flat tool such as a large screw driver or heavy duty putty knife. The screws will need to be replaced in the screw mounted type trim at the end of the process.

4. Place a full length retaining bar (P/N 2592739C1) on the floor along the right hand side of the davenport. The bar must be placed against the outer wall and as close to the vertical face of the davenport closeout as possible. This is to ensure that the screws pass through the retaining bar and davenport closeout flange as well as the substructure under the floor. See Figure 1.

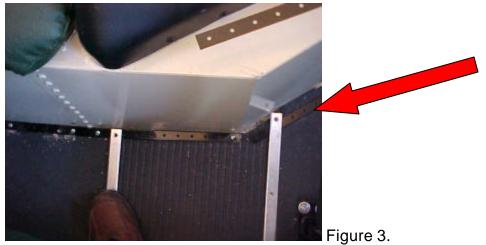


- 5. Before drilling any of the screw holes, place a magnetic strip or other drill guard along the vertical face of the davenport closeout to protect the painted surface from damage.
- 6. Using the pilot holes in the retaining bar as guides, drill through the floor material into the metal support bar under the floor with an 11/64" bit. It is recommended that a screw is installed in every 5th hole to prevent the bar from shifting or "pie crusting" (wavy affect) as the holes are drilled and screws installed.
- 7. Install a screw in each pilot hole location. See Figure 2.

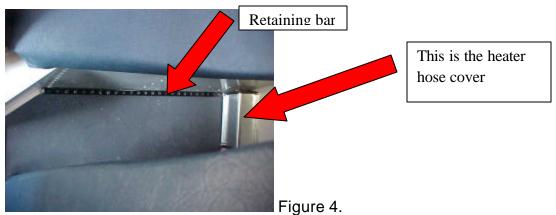


- 8. At the aisle trim location, the retaining bar should be run under the aisle trim except for the screwless trim. The screwless trim must be modified so that it doesn't interfere with the bar.
- 9. If the bar is too long, it is acceptable to trim the end of the retaining bar at the corner of the center davenport closeout. This may be necessary for a V-8 bus. Typically a strap cutter or bolt cutter can be used.

- 10. Place the remaining retaining bar adjacent to the diagonal edge of the davenport closeout. Using the length of the diagonal face of the closeout as a guide, cut a section of retaining bar to fit along the diagonal face.
- 11. Position the short section retaining bar as close to the vertical face of the davenport closeout as possible.



- 12. Drill and install screws in the pilot hole locations following the guidelines for the right hand side retaining bar.
- 13. Place the remaining retaining bar along the left hand side of the davenport closeout. The retaining bar on the left hand side must not be placed all the way to the side wall due to the heater hose cutout in the davenport cover. The outside end of the retaining bar must be lined up with the cutout in the davenport closeout for the heater hose. The end of the heater hose cover must be lifted to locate and mount the end of the bar. To lift heater hose cover remove screws as needed. See Figure 4.



- 14. Trim the length of the left hand side retaining bar if required.
- 15. Drill and install screws in the pilot hole locations following the guidelines for the right hand side retaining bar.
- 16. Install the screws removed in step 3. If required, drill a clearance hole in the retaining bar. If the unit has aisle trim that is screw mounted vinyl or screwless trim,

modify the underside of the trim by removing the center rib to allow the trim to set flush on top of the retaining bars. Press the screw-less trim back into the retainers.

- 17. Reinstall the heater hose cover with the same screws removed in step 13.
- 18. Clean any drill shavings from around the retaining bars.
- 19. Replace the rubber davenport trim. The trim should cover the retaining bars.

End of Repair Procedure

LABOR

Labor Code	Description	Time (hours)
A40-06505-01	Repair	1.2

CAMPAIGN IDENTIFICATION LABEL

Each vehicle corrected in accordance with this campaign **must be** marked with a S00109 Campaign Identification Label.

Complete the label and attach on a clean surface next to the vehicle identification number (VIN) plate.



This label has been shipped with your letter. Please complete and apply this label after inspection and/or repair.

IMPORTANT

In the event you no longer own the vehicle described, please fill in the requested information on the enclosed postage-prepaid card and return it to us. This information will allow us to notify the correct owner.

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