



BLUE BIRD

DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

TO: U.S. DEALERS

SUBJECT: CUMMINS V-BAND CLAMP T-BOLT FAILURES

Cummins Inc. has notified Blue Bird that it is conducting a recall for a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety that exists in certain V-Band clamps used on its 2010 ISB6.7 and ISC8.3 engines installed in Blue Bird All American and Vision buses manufactured from October 02, 2010 through March 08, 2011. These clamps are used to connect the inlet and outlet cone sections to the Diesel Oxidation Catalyst (DOC) /Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF).

A failure or fracture of the T-bolt used on the V-Band clamp may cause the clamp to loosen and the inlet or outlet sections attached to the DOC/DPF housing to disconnect. If the inlet or outlet sections disconnect, hot exhaust gases can vent prior to exiting the tailpipe, creating a risk of damage to adjacent materials, fire or personal injury. Cummins is conducting a recall to replace these clamps on affected engines.

Cummins Inc. will be conducting the owner notification for this recall. Cummins owner notification is anticipated to be mailed shortly.

For your convenience I have attached a copy of Cummins sample owner notification letter and a list of affected units sold by your dealership.

We ask that you cooperate fully with Cummins Inc. to expedite the completion of this recall.

If you have any questions, give me a call at 478-822-2242.

Bill Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator



***** SAFETY RECALL NOTICE *****

August XX, 2011

Mr. Joe Customer
XXXX CENTRAL AVE
ALBANY NY 12205-2457

Dear Cummins Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Cummins Inc. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain V-Band clamps shipped with 2010 Cummins ISB6.7, ISC8.3, ISL9, ISX11.9 and ISX15 engines from September 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 when installed in certain vehicle types. These clamps are used to connect the inlet and outlet cone sections to the Diesel Oxidation Catalyst (DOC)/Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF). Cummins is conducting a recall to replace these clamps on all recreational vehicle and bus applications, and on certain emergency vehicles and truck applications.

Our records indicate that your Cummins engine listed below is covered by this recall:

Engine Serial Number: 35192623
Vehicle Manufacturer: John's Firetruck Manufacturer
Vehicle Serial Number: 1XYZXYZXYZ1568202

If you are no longer the owner of the vehicle containing this engine, please forward this notice to the new owner or provide the new owner's contact information to Cummins.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Due to an error in the component supplier's plating process, the T-bolt included on the V-Band clamp assembly may be susceptible to fracture or failure when subjected to stress or load. A fracture or failure of the T-Bolt may cause the clamp to loosen and the inlet or outlet sections attached to the DOC/DPF housing to disconnect. If the inlet or outlet sections disconnect, hot exhaust gases can vent prior to exiting the tailpipe, creating a risk of damage to adjacent materials, fire or personal injury. In the unlikely event that both V-Band clamps were to fail or loosen, and where they are not hard mounted to the chassis, the DOC/DPF housing could disconnect completely from the exhaust system or vehicle, creating a road hazard. In either case, the vehicle's check engine light should illuminate.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

We urge you to contact the nearest Cummins Distributor or Cummins-authorized Warranty Dealer to arrange to have this campaign performed on your engine. The distributor or dealer

will work with you to schedule the best date for this repair. The campaign consists of replacing the two V-band clamps (and possibly the sealing gasket). The repair will be completed free of charge (parts and labor) and most applications will require approximately 1 hour to complete.

Federal law requires vehicle lessors receiving this recall notice to forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten (10) days. Also, it is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to deliver a new vehicle covered by this notice under a sale or lease until the defect has been remedied.

If you have questions or concerns about this campaign, please contact your local Cummins Distributor. You may also contact the Cummins Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-DIESELS (1-800-343-7357).

If you have a complaint relative to this campaign, you may report it to the following:

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Or, you may call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We apologize for any inconvenience, but Cummins is taking this action in the interest of your personal safety and satisfaction with our products. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Campaign Administrator
Cummins Inc.

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