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**NHTSA PUBLISHES LIST  
OF MARCH RECALLS**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) today released a list of auto safety recalls announced in March and urged consumers to have the problems fixed promptly.

The list identifies the make and model of the vehicle or equipment involved, with a brief description of the safety problem.

NHTSA said it is publicizing the recalls to alert consumers about the safety problems and encourages them to take action. Under federal law, safety problems must be remedied without cost to consumers. Currently 68 percent of the owners of vehicles with safety problems have the recall work performed.

NHTSA said manufacturers are required to mail a recall notice to all purchasers, owners and dealers when a safety defect or noncompliance with federal safety standards is found. The agency urges owners to wait until they receive notification from the manufacturer before contacting their dealers to schedule the repair work. Not all vehicles of a particular make and model may be subject to the recall.

Consumers can get up-to-the-minute information on safety recall campaigns, or even information on the recall history of a particular make and model of car, truck, motorcycle or child safety seat, by calling the agency's toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at (800) 424-9393, or (202) 366-0123 in the Washington, D.C. area. The Hotline also can be used to report safety problems.

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**Safety Recall Campaigns**  
*March 1995*

***Passenger Cars***

**Ford Motor Company**

<b>Model(s):</b>	Ford Contour	Years: 1995
	Ford Crown Victoria	Years: 1995
	Ford Mustang	Years: 1995
	Ford Probe	Years: 1995
	Ford Explorer	Years: 1995
	Ford Windstar	Years: 1995
	Lincoln Town Car	Years: 1995
	Mercury Grand Marquis	Years: 1995
	Mercury Mystique	Years: 1995

**Manufactured Dates:** January 1995-February 1995

**No. of Unit(s):** 8,600

**Recall No.:** 95E006002

**System:** Passenger side air bags.

**Equipment Description:** Passenger side air bag in passenger cars, vans and multi-purpose vehicles.

**Description of Defect:** The passenger side air bag has an inflator body that cracked during forming of the curl that retains the igniter plug in the end of the inflator. Also the igniter end cap can separate from the inflator.

**Consequence of Defect:** The passenger side air bag may not inflate properly resulting in reduced occupant protection in a vehicle accident. If the igniter end cap separates in a frontal collision, hot gases can be released and ignite flammable material or cause burn injuries.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will remove and replace the passenger side air bag module.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Ford at 1-800-392-3673.

**Ford Motor Company**

**Model(s):** Ford Crown Victoria Year(s): 1995  
 Lincoln Town Car Year(s): 1995  
 Mercury Grand Marquis Year(s): 1995

**Manufactured Dates:** June 1994-December 1994

**No. of Vehicle(s):** 100,000

**Recall No.:** 95V063000

**System:** Fuel tank assembly and filler neck.

**Vehicle Description:** Passenger vehicles.

**Description of Defect:** The seal material between the fuel filler pipe and fuel tank may not have been fully cured during the molding process which could allow fuel to leak.

**Consequence of Defect:** A fuel leak can result in fire if an ignition source is present.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will replace the fuel filler pipe-to-fuel tank seal with a new seal of different material.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Ford at 1-800-392-3673.

**Ford Motor Company**

**Model(s):** Ford Mustang Year(s): 1994

**Manufactured Dates:** May 1993-June 1994

**No. of Vehicle(s):** 54,000

**Recall No.:** 95V062000

**System:** Interior seat material.

**Vehicle Description:** GT model passenger vehicles equipped with the power lumbar feature on the front seats.

**Description of Defect:** The wire harness on these seats is banded to the front seat cushion supports. The end of one of the supports can puncture the harness, resulting in a high resistance electrical short.

**Consequence of Defect:** Overheating can result, and melting, smoke and ignition of the surrounding materials can occur.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will remove the tie strap from each of the front seats.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Ford at 1-800-392-3673.

**Mazda (North America), Inc.**

**Brand(s):** 626 Years: 1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** January 1995-February 1995  
**No. of Unit(s):** 565  
**Recall No.:** 95E006001

**System:** Passenger side air bag.

**Equipment Description:** Passenger side air bag in passenger cars.

**Description of Defect:** The passenger side air bag has an inflator body that cracked during forming of the curl that retains the igniter plug in the end of the inflator. Also the igniter end cap can separate from the inflator.

**Consequence of Defect:** The passenger side air bag may not inflate properly resulting in reduced occupant protection in a vehicle accident. If the igniter end cap separates in a frontal collision, hot gases can be released and ignite flammable material or cause burn injuries.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will remove and replace the passenger side air bag module.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Mazda at 1-800-222-5500.

**General Motors Corporation**

**Model(s):** Chevrolet Camaro Year(s): 1995  
 Pontiac Firebird Year(s): 1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** February 1995  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 362  
**Recall No.:** 95V046000

**System:** Steering: gear box.

**Vehicle Description:** Passenger vehicles.

**Description of Defect:** The steering intermediate shaft could have been improperly assembled. As a result, the shaft lower coupling could loosen and rotate on the steering gear input shaft.

**Consequence of Defect:** This can result in a loss of steering control increasing the potential for a vehicle accident.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will inspect the intermediate steering shaft for the correct lower coupling and replace it as required.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Chevrolet at 1-800-222-1020 or Pontiac at 1-800-762-2737.

**General Motors Corporation**

**Model(s):** Buick Regal Year(s): 1994 - 1995  
 Oldsmobile Cutlass Year(s): 1994  
**Manufactured Dates:** June 1993-October 1994  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 199,572  
**Recall No.:** 95V061000

**System:** Hydraulic brake lines.

**Vehicle Description:** Passenger vehicles.

**Description of Defect:** The rear wheel brake hoses can contact the rear suspension components causing the brake hoses to wear through.

**Consequence of Defect:** This can cause loss of brake fluid and eventual loss of brakes, thus increasing the potential for an accident.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will inspect for proper positioning of the brake hoses and replace incorrectly routed hoses with new ones.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Buick at 1-800-521-7300 or Oldsmobile at 1-800-442-6537.

**General Motors Corporation**

**Model(s):** Buick Regal Year(s): 1988-1990  
 Chevrolet Lumina Year(s): 1990  
 Oldsmobile Cutlass Year(s): 1988-1990  
 Pontiac Grand Prix Year(s): 1988-1990  
**Manufactured Dates:** April 1988-March 1990  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 38,163  
**Recall No.:** 94V041000

**System:** Wheels.

**Vehicle description:** Passenger vehicles equipped with Kelsey Hayes steel wheels, models RPO PB6 14" and RPO PG1 15".

**Description of Defect:** Cracks develop in the wheel mounting surface. If these cracks become severe enough, the wheel will completely separate from the vehicle.

**Consequence of Defect:** If wheel separation occurs while the vehicle is in motion, loss of steering and brake control of the vehicle occurs, and a vehicle crash could result.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will inspect the manufacturing codes stamped on each wheel of the vehicles and if a wheel falls within the specified date code range, the dealer will replace that wheel assembly.

**Note:** General Motors is extending this recall to include an additional 38,163 vehicles. Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Chevrolet at 1-800-222-1020; Oldsmobile at 1-800-442-6537; Pontiac at 1-800-762-2737; or Buick at 1-800-521-7300.

**Hyundai Motor America**

**Model(s):** Hyundai Accent Year(s): 1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** August 1994-February 1995  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 5,306  
**Recall No.:** 95V043000

**System:** Underdash electrical wiring harness.

**Vehicle Description:** Passenger vehicles equipped with manual transmissions.

**Description of Defect:** The engine control module wiring harness under the instrument panel can be contacted by the clutch pedal assembly when the clutch is engaged.

**Consequence of Defect:** This contact abrades and damages the insulation on the harness causing a fuse to blow and the engine to stall. Unexpected engine stalling increases the potential for a vehicle accident.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will inspect the engine control wiring harness to determine if it has been damaged and reposition the harness so that contact with the clutch pedal lever will not occur.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Hyundai at 1-800-829-9956.

**Mazda (North America), Inc.**

**Model(s):** Mazda RX-7 Year(s): 1993 - 1994  
**Manufactured Dates:** December 1991-September 1994  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 13,400  
**Recall No.:** 95V069000

**System:** Fuel lines.

**Vehicle Description:** Passenger vehicles.

**Description of Defect:** Residual engine heat can cause premature deterioration of the fuel hose causing the hose to leak. Also, removing and reinstalling the deteriorated fuel hoses increases the likelihood of a leak.

**Consequence of Defect:** A fuel leak can result in an engine compartment fire.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will install an additional control unit for the electric cooling fan. The fan will then activate after the engine is turned off when the coolant exceeds a specified temperature. The fuel hoses will also be replaced with revised hoses.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Mazda at 1-800-222-5500.

**Mercedes-Benz of N.A., Inc.**

**Model(s):** Mercedes 140 Year(s): 1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** March 1994-June 1994  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 558  
**Recall No.:** 95V047000

**System:** Anti-lock brakes.

**Vehicle Description:** Passenger vehicles.

**Description of Defect:** The misadjustment of a machine tool allowed metal particles to remain in the rear axle ABS speed sensor mounting hole. The particles can come loose, attach to the sensor assembly, and falsely indicate a wheel-lock condition to the anti-lock brakes system control unit.

**Consequence of Defect:** This false signal can cause premature ABS function at the rear brakes which could increase stopping distances.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will inspect the sensor opening for metal particles and remove them.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Mercedes at 1-800-FOR-MERC (1-800-367-6372).

**Nissan Motors Corporation**

**Model(s):** Nissan 200SX Year(s): 1995  
 Nissan Sentra Year(s): 1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** September 1994-February 1995  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 950  
**Recall No.:** 95V028000

**System:** Anti-lock brakes.

**Vehicle Description:** Passenger vehicles equipped with anti-lock brake system.

**Description of Defect:** The ABS hydraulic actuator was not properly purged of all air during the fill and evacuation process. This allowed air bubbles to remain in the brake system.

**Consequence of Defect:** This condition can cause increased brake pedal travel and stopping distances.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will bleed the ABS hydraulic actuator to remove any air bubbles in the brake system.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Nissan at 1-800-647-7261.

**Saab Cars USA, Inc.**

**Model(s):** Saab 900 Year(s): 1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** July 1994-December 1994  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 5,383  
**Recall No.:** 95V066000

**System:** Ignition electronic control unit.

**Vehicle Description:** Passenger vehicles equipped with Bosch "Motronic 2.10.3" engine control system and secondary air injection.

**Description of Defect:** Upon startup, a voltage drop to the engine control module can cause a malfunction where engine speed fluctuates from 600 to 3,000 RPM for up to 30 seconds before normal engine idle of 900 RPM.

**Consequence of Defect:** Unexpected movement of the vehicle may cause the driver to lose control and increase the potential of a vehicle accident.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will install a new revised electronic control module.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Saab at 1-800-955-9007.

**Saab Cars USA, Inc.**

**Model(s):** Saab 9000 Year(s): 1992 - 1994  
**Manufactured Dates:** June 1991-May 1994  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 12,091  
**Recall No.:** 95V067000

**System:** Anti-lock Brake System (ABS).

**Vehicle Description:** Passenger vehicles equipped with "MK II" ABS brakes.

**Description of Defect:** Moisture can follow the electrical harness and enter the pressure switch connector causing corrosion and malfunction of the switch.

**Consequence of Defect:** The corrosion causes deterioration of the electrical switch connection and can result in false illumination of ABS or the brake warning lights or the loss of power assistance because of no hydraulic pump operation. Loss of power assist increases the amount of brake pedal effort required to stop which can result in extended braking distances.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will inspect the electrical connections to the ABS pressure switch terminals for corrosion and install a shrink hose to the wiring harness to prevent moisture from entering the connection. Pressure switches with corroded connectors will be replaced.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Saab at 1-800-955-9007.

**Saab Cars USA, Inc.**

**Model(s):** Saab 900 Year(s): 1994 - 1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** August 1993-September 1994  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 8,993  
**Recall No.:** 95V068000

**System:** Standard transmission.

**Vehicle Description:** Passenger vehicles equipped with manual transmissions.

**Description of Defect:** It is possible to move the shift lever into the reverse gear position, remove the ignition key, and still have the transmission in neutral, or, to accidentally disengage reverse by striking the gear lever.

**Consequence of Defect:** If the parking brake is not applied, the car can roll from its original parked position increasing the potential for a vehicle accident.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will replace transmission linkage components and complete a specially developed service adjustment procedure to ensure that when the shift is moved to reverse, the reverse gear is actually engaged.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Saab at 1-800-955-9007.

**Volkswagen of America, Inc.**

**Model(s):** Volkswagen Golf Year(s): 1993 - 1995  
 Volkswagen Jetta Year(s): 1993 - 1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** April 1993-October 1994  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 104,000  
**Recall No.:** 95V054000

**System:** Jacks.

**Vehicle Description:** Passenger vehicles.

**Description of Defect:** The jacks supplied with these vehicles were assembled with an improperly machined spindle, so that a sharp ridge on the edge of spindle's thread would have remained.

**Consequence of Defect:** This ridge can damage the inside thread of the jack's scissor shoe when the jack is used to lift the vehicle. The jack could collapse with the possibility that a person standing close to the vehicle could be injured.

**Corrective Action:** Owners will be provided with a new jack.

**Note:** Owners who do not receive a free replacement jack within a reasonable time, should contact Volkswagen at 1-800-822-8987.

**Volvo of America Corporation**

**Model(s):** Volvo 850 Year(s): 1995  
 Volvo 854 Year(s): 1995  
 Volvo 855 Year(s): 1995

**Manufactured Dates:** June 1994-January 1995

**No. of Vehicle(s):** 31,315

**Recall No.:** 95V050000

**System:** Jacks.

**Vehicle Description:** Passenger vehicles.

**Description of Defect:** Some of the jacks supplied with the vehicles do not have the necessary load capacity.

**Consequence of Defect:** A raised vehicle can fall off the jack, which increases the likelihood for personal injury or property damage.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will inspect and replace suspect jacks with a jack that meets the load requirements for these cars.

**Note:** Owners who do not receive a free, new jack within a reasonable time, should contact Volvo at 1-800-458-1552.

***Light Trucks and Vans*****Chrysler Corporation**

**Model(s):** Jeep Cherokee Year(s): 1995

**Manufactured Dates:** June 1994-February 1995

**No. of Vehicle(s):** 70,000

**Recall No.:** 95V057000

**System:** Driver side air bag.

**Vehicle Description:** Multipurpose passenger vehicles.

**Description of Defect:** Certain of the driver's side air bag modules were assembled without an arming lever.

**Consequence of Defect:** This will cause the air bag to not deploy in the event of an accident increasing the potential for personal injury.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will inspect the vehicles for the presence of the air bag module arming lever and will replace those air bag modules that are missing a lever.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Chrysler at 1-800-853-1403.

**Chrysler Corporation**

**Model(s):** Dodge Ram Year(s): 1994 - 1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** January 1994-December 1994  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 175,000  
**Recall No.:** 95V056000

**System:** Hood latch.

**Vehicle Description:** Light duty pickup trucks.

**Description of Defect:** The secondary hood latch rod can bind on the guide bracket and prevent engagement of the secondary latch.

**Consequence of Defect:** This can cause the hood to fly up and obstruct the driver's vision, increasing the potential of an accident.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will replace the secondary hood latch bracket.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Chrysler at 1-800-853-1403.

**Fairmont Tamper**

**Model(s):** Fairmont Tamper Ford F250 Year(s):1992-1995  
 Fairmont Tamper Ford F350 Year(s):1992-1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** January 1992-March 1995  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 710  
**Recall No.:** 95V049000

**System:** Wheel lug nuts and bolts.

**Vehicle Description:** Light duty, four-wheel drive pickup trucks equipped with Hy-Rail Guide wheel equipment.

**Description of Defect:** The wheel lug nuts on the rear wheels can loosen which could result in broken studs.

**Consequence of Defect:** The detachment of a wheel can cause loss of steering control or an accident.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will install new rear wheel spacers that convert the existing rear wheels to a hub piloted mounting system.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Fairmont Tamper at 1-507-235-7124.

**Fairmont Tamper**

**Model(s):** Fairmont Tamper GMC C20735 Year(s):1994-1995  
 Fairmont Tamper GMC K20735 Year(s):1994-1995  
 Fairmont Tamper GMC K20903 Year(s):1994-1995

**Manufactured Dates:** January 1994-March 1995

**No. of Vehicle(s):** 2

**Recall No.:** 95V060000

**System:** Wheel lug nuts bolts.

**Vehicle Description:** 4x2 and 4x4 light duty pickup trucks equipped with Fairmont Tamper Hy-Rail Guide wheel equipment.

**Description of Defect:** The two-piece self-locking flange wheel nuts can loosen causing the wheel studs to break.

**Consequence of Defect:** This can allow the wheel to separate from vehicle resulting in loss of steering control and an accident.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will replace the wheel nuts on the affected vehicles.

**Note:** These vehicles have been corrected. Owners who have problems concerning this recall should contact Fairmont Tamper at 1-507-235-7124.

**Ford Motor Company**

**Model(s):** Ford Explorer Year(s): 1995

**Manufactured Dates:** November 1994-February 1995

**No. of Vehicle(s):** 49,300

**Recall No.:** 95V053000

**System:** Tie rod.

**Vehicle Description:** Multi-purpose passenger vehicles.

**Description of Defect:** The inner tie rod assemblies were improperly manufactured and can fracture, which would result in shaking or shimmy at low speeds.

**Consequence of Defect:** This condition can cause the wheel on the side with the broken tie rod to tuck inward or outward and slide which would result in an increased potential for a vehicle accident.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will inspect the inner tie rods and replace the suspect tie rods.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Ford at 1-800-392-3673.

**Ford Motor Company**

**Model(s):** Ford Explorer      Year(s): 1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** November 1994-February 1995  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 7,100  
**Recall No.:** 95V052000

**System:** Hydraulic brake lines. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 105.

**Vehicle Description:** Two-door multi-purpose passenger vehicles.

**Description of Noncompliance:** In some of the vehicles, brake tubes were misrouted between the master cylinder and the hydraulic control unit. This results in a stopping distance that exceeds what is allowed by FMVSS No. 105, "Hydraulic Brake Systems." In addition, seals in the master cylinder could be abraded over time. This could result in an internal leak and further reduction in brake performance.

**Consequence of Noncompliance:** Stopping distances could be longer than intended, increasing the potential for an accident.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will reroute the brake tubes.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Ford at 1-800-392-3673.

**Ford Motor Company**

**Model(s):** Ford Econoline      Year(s): 1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** December 1994-January 1995  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 290  
**Recall No.:** 95V058000

**System:** Emergency-parking brake. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 105.

**Vehicle Description:** Incomplete chassis vehicles.

**Description of Noncompliance:** The parking brake front cables are too long. This reduces the performance of the parking brake in certain circumstances, and as a result, these vehicles fail to comply fully with all the requirements of FMVSS No. 105, "Hydraulic Brake Systems."

**Consequence of Noncompliance:** The effectiveness of the parking brake system on a severe grade may be diminished.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will repair the parking brake system on the affected vehicles.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Ford at 1-800-392-3673.

**General Motors Corporation**

**Model(s):** Chevrolet Lumina APV Year(s):1995  
 Oldsmobile Silhouette Year(s):1995  
 Pontiac TransSport Year(s):1995

**Manufactured Dates:** November 1994-February 1995

**No. of Vehicle(s):** 6,523

**Recall No.:** 95V048000

**System:** Hydraulic brake pedals and linkages.

**Vehicle Description:** Light duty passenger vans.

**Description of Defect:** Improperly manufactured brake pedal arm allows the brake pedal arm to fracture during braking.

**Consequence of Defect:** This can result in a loss of brake operation increasing braking distance and the potential for a vehicle accident.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will replace all suspect brake pedal assemblies.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Chevrolet at 1-800-222-1020, Oldsmobile at 1-800-442-6537, or Pontiac at 1-800-762-2737.

***Large Trucks, Buses and Trailers*****Blue Bird Body Company**

**Model(s):** Blue Bird All American Year(s): 1992 - 1995  
 Blue Bird GMCV Year(s): 1992 - 1995  
 Blue Bird GPWB Year(s): 1992 - 1995  
 Blue Bird MBWB Year(s): 1992 - 1995  
 Blue Bird SBCV Year(s): 1992 - 1995  
 Blue Bird TC2000 Year(s): 1992 - 1995  
 Blue Bird VCTA Year(s): 1992 - 1995

**Manufactured Dates:** July 1992-March 1995

**No. of Vehicle(s):** 2,309

**Recall No.:** 95V051000

**System:** Interior systems; seat; material; Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 222.

**Vehicle Description:** School and transit buses.

**Description of Noncompliance:** The aisle side styrofoam knee pads on the subject barriers are 11" wide and not 14.5" as required by FMVSS No. 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection."

**Consequence of Noncompliance:** This condition could increase the potential for injury in a vehicle accident.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will replace the incorrect pad with the correct 14.5" knee pad.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Blue Bird at 1-912-825-2021.

**Freightliner Corporation**

**Model(s):** Freightliner FLD      Year(s): 1994  
**Manufactured Dates:** January 1994-January 1995  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 81  
**Recall No.:** 95V055000

**System:** Muffler and grab handle.

**Vehicle Description:** Heavy duty sleeper-cab trucks with cab-mounted exhausts.

**Description of Defect:** The muffler mounting brackets that attach the exhaust system and cab entry grabhandle to the cab were manufactured with incomplete welds.

**Consequence of Defect:** An incomplete weld could cause a person using the grab handle to slip and fall resulting in personal injury.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will inspect vehicles for adequate muffler bracket welds and re-weld if necessary.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Freightliner at 1-503-735-8000.

**Harley-Davidson Motor Co.**

**Model(s):** Harley Davidson 94461-95      Year(s): 1995  
                  Harley Davidson 94463-95      Year(s): 1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** August 1994-March 1995  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 768  
**Recall No.:** 95V045001

**System:** Trailer hitches and attachments.

**Vehicle Description:** Single and double-folding trailers used to transport motorcycles.

**Description of Defect:** The welds used to hold the main folding hinge to the side frame members either were omitted or temporary tack welds were used rather than complete welds.

**Consequence of Defect:** The rear hinge can separate from the rear frame causing the frame to contact the road while the trailer is towed and carrying a motorcycle.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will inspect the welds and, those not fully welded will be cleaned, prepared, correctly welded and repainted.

**Note:** Owners who take their trailers to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Harley-Davidson at 1-414-342-4680.



**Thomas Built Buses, Inc.**

**Model(s):** Thomas Built Vista Year(s): 1993 - 1994  
**Manufactured Dates:** November 1993-November 1994  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 2,133  
**Recall No.:** 95V040000

**System:** Heater.

**Vehicle Description:** School and transit buses equipped with "Red Dot Heaters."

**Description of Defect:** If paper or trash falls down the Red Dot heater vents, it could ignite.

**Consequence of Defect:** This can cause a heater fire and an increased potential for a vehicle accident.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will install a wire cage around the heater resistor.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Thomas Built at 1-910-889-4871.

**Thomas Built Buses, Inc.**

**Model(s):** Thomas Built All\*Star Year(s): 1994  
 Thomas Built Conventional Year(s): 1994  
 Thomas Built Saf-T-Liner Year(s): 1994  
 Thomas Built Vista Year(s): 1994

**Manufactured Dates:** January 1994-February 1995

**No. of Vehicle(s):** 50

**Recall No.:** 95V042000

**System:** Air conditioner.

**Vehicle Description:** School buses. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 222.

**Description of Noncompliance:** The air conditioning hose covers do not meet the head impact requirements of FMVSS No. 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection."

**Consequence of Noncompliance:** This condition can cause personal injury in a vehicle accident.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will re-route the cover from the head impact zone and also replace the metal cover with a plastic cover.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Thomas Built at 1-910-889-4871.

**Thomas Built Buses, Inc.**

**Model(s):** Thomas Built Vista Year(s): 1991 - 1994  
**Manufactured Dates:** January 1991-September 1994  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 804  
**Recall No.:** 95V041000

**System:** Hydraulic brake line.

**Vehicle Description:** School and transit buses.

**Description of Defect:** The bracket used to support the hydraulic brake line can crack and possibly sever the brake line.

**Consequence of Defect:** If the brake line is severed, braking capability will be immediately reduced, increasing the potential for an accident.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will reroute the hydraulic brake line.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Thomas Built at 1-910-889-4871.

**Utilimaster Motor Corp.**

**Model(s):** Utilimaster Aeromaster Year(s): 1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** November 1994-February 1995  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 352  
**Recall No.:** 95V044000

**System:** Emergency parking brake.

**Vehicle Description:** Walk-in vans built on Chevrolet P-30 chassis and sold to Frito-Lay, Inc.

**Description of Defect:** The parking brake reinforcement bracket location can interfere and abrade the chassis wiring harness. This could damage the insulation and cause the parking brake to engage.

**Consequence of Defect:** Unintended engagement of the parking brake while the vehicle is moving can cause the driver to lose control of the vehicle and crash.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will relocate the parking brake reinforcement bracket to a position where it cannot interfere with the chassis wiring harness.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time, should contact Utilimaster at 1-800-237-7806.

### *Child Safety Seats*

#### **Babyhood Manufacturing**

**Model(s):** Babyhood 8200  
**Manufactured Dates:** January 1992-June 1993  
**No. of Unit(s):** 3,100  
**Recall No.:** 93E032000

**System:** Child safety seats. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 213.

**Equipment Description:** Model 8200 Baby-Sitter Car Seat.

**Description of Noncompliance:** These child safety seats do not meet the release force requirements of FMVSS No. 213, "Child Restraint Systems." The buckle could require additional hand pressure to release and could hamper removal of a child in an emergency situation.

**Consequence of Noncompliance:** If an accident occurs and the safety buckle cannot be released, there could be an increased risk of injury to the seat occupant.

**Corrective Action:** Babyhood will provide a modified buckle tip and replacement instructions directly to owners of these seats.

**Notes:** Owners who do not receive the free replacement buckle tip and instructions within a reasonable time should contact Babyhood at 1-508-845-4231. (The manufacturer earlier submitted a petition for inconsequentiality. However, after additional testing, Babyhood Manufacturing is conducting an owner notification and remedy campaign.)

#### **Huffy Corporation**

**Model(s):** Gerry 626  
 Gerry SecureRide  
**Manufactured Dates:** August 1994-March 1995  
**No. of Unit(s):** 37,599  
**Recall No.:** 95E008000

**System:** Child safety seat. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 213.

**Equipment Description:** Infant child safety seats.

**Description of Noncompliance:** The seats have an incorrectly positioned label warning that rear-facing child safety seats should not be installed in an air bag-equipped seating position. The label does not comply with the requirements of FMVSS No. 213, "Child Restraint Systems."

**Consequence of Noncompliance:** Owners may inadvertently install the child seat incorrectly resulting in injury to the child seat occupant in an accident in which the passenger side air bag deploys.

**Corrective Action:** A new label will be sent to consumers with instructions on how to correctly use the child seat in the vehicle.

**Note:** Owners should call Gerry Baby Products Company at 1-800-952-5552 to obtain a new label.

## Equipment

### Mirada Controls, Inc.

**Brand(s):** Mirada B-51298  
 Mirada B-51298-1  
 Mirada B-51336  
 Mirada B-51363  
 Mirada B-51386  
 Mirada B-51440  
 Mirada B-51458  
 Mirada B-51465  
 Mirada B-51468  
 Mirada B-51469

**Manufactured Dates:** January 1992-February 1994

**No. of Unit(s):** 6,000

**Recall No.:** 95E007000

**System:** Compressed natural gas (CNG) pressure relief device.

**Equipment Description:** CNG pressure relief devices installed in large CNG systems, typically CNG powered transit buses.

**Description of Defect:** The torque plug assembled into the pressure relief device was not welded or pinned in production. Tightening or torquing the pressure relief device as installed on the vehicle could damage internal parts of the device.

**Consequence of Defect:** Internal damage to the device could cause a sudden release of CNG. If CNG were released and an ignition source were present, a fire could occur.

**Corrective Action:** Mirada will replace these pressure relief devices with devices which have the torque plug welded or pinned.

**Note:** Owners whose valves have not been replaced free within a reasonable time should contact Mirada Controls at 1-612-448-3686.

**Mirada Controls, Inc.**

**Brand(s):** Mirada B-51300  
**Manufactured Dates:** September 1992-January 1995  
**No. of Unit(s):** 5,515  
**Recall No.:** 95E005000

**System:** Compressed natural gas (CNG) pressure relief device in large CNG Systems, typically CNG powered transit buses.

**Equipment Description:** CNG pressure relief device.

**Description of Defect:** Upon exposure to impurities in the natural gas fuel in cold weather, an internal o-ring on these devices can blister during compression after "fast-fill" refueling. This could result in seal leakage.

**Consequence of Defect:** Internal damage to the o-ring seal could cause a release of CNG. If CNG were released to the open air and an ignition source were present, fire could occur.

**Corrective Action:** When new devices are developed, dealers will replace recalled units with new devices that are not susceptible to o-ring damage from non-methane components of the gas.

**Note:** Owners whose valves have not been replaced free within a reasonable time should contact Mirada at 1-612-448-3686.

**S. H. Leggitt Company**

**Brand(s):** Marshall Gas 250 LP Gas Regulator  
**Manufactured Dates:** January 1994-July 1994  
**No. of Unit(s):** 24,000  
**Recall No.:** 95E004000

**System:** Liquid petroleum gas (LPG) regulator.

**Equipment Description:** Two-stage automatic change-over LPG regulator.

**Description of Defect:** The indicator device was not attached properly during assembly by manufacturer to the regulator. This could allow the indicator to be partially or completely displaced.

**Consequence of Defect:** If the indicator is not fully attached to the regulator, the indicator can leak LP gas and result in a fire.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will inspect and where necessary replace the regulator with a new, properly manufactured regulator.

**Note:** Owners whose defective regulators are not replaced free within a reasonable time should contact Marshall Gas Controls at 1-800-396-1322.

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## **DOT, HHS SIGN AGREEMENT TO REDUCE TRANSPORTATION INJURIES**

DOT Secretary Federico Peña and Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala have signed two Memoranda of Understanding to help improve the federal government's efforts to reduce transportation-related injuries.

"Transportation-related injuries are the leading cause of death for every age from 6 and 29. This agreement makes clear our determination to focus our efforts on the prevention and mitigation of these crashes," Secretary Peña said.

According to the agreement, the HHS Secretary's Advisory Committee on Injury Prevention and Control and an official of the Department of Transportation will:

- Compile a description of the programs and organizational units in each department that could be used in the prevention of transportation injuries.
- Report within one year on efforts to expand the federal inventory of injury control research to include transportation injury intervention and prevention projects.
- Recommend new short-term and long-term projects, taking into account the priorities set out in *Injury Control in the 1990s: A National Plan for Action*.
- Identify opportunities for cross-department and cross-agency collaboration.

The secretaries also pledged to coordinate Emergency Medical Services (EMS) programs and activities through improved communications and joint operations whenever practicable.

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**NHTSA PUBLISHES LIST  
OF APRIL RECALLS**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) today released a list of auto safety recalls announced in April and urged consumers to have the problems fixed promptly.

The list identifies the make and model of the vehicle or equipment involved, with a brief description of the safety problem.

NHTSA said it is publicizing the recalls to alert consumers about the safety problems and encourages them to take action. Under federal law, safety problems must be remedied without cost to consumers. Currently 68 percent of the owners of vehicles with safety problems have the recall work performed.

NHTSA said manufacturers are required to mail a recall notice to all purchasers, owners and dealers when a safety defect or noncompliance with federal safety standards is found. The agency urges owners to wait until they receive notification from the manufacturer before contacting their dealers to schedule the repair work. Not all vehicles of a particular make and model may be subject to the recall.

Consumers can get up-to-the-minute information on safety recall campaigns, or even information on the recall history of a particular make and model of car, truck, motorcycle or child safety seat, by calling the agency's toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at (800) 424-9393, or (202) 366-0123 in the Washington, D.C. area. The Hotline also can be used to report safety problems.

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## Safety Recall Campaigns

*April 1995*

### *Passenger Cars*

#### **Bayerische Motoren Werke**

**Model(s):** BMW 318IC **Year(s): 1995**  
 BMW 318ICA **Year(s): 1995**

**Manufactured Dates:** January 1994-March 1995

**No. of Vehicle(s):** 5,200

**Recall No.:** 95V071000

**System:** Tire reserve load label; Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 110.

**Vehicle Description:** Sedan and convertible model passenger vehicles.

**Description of Noncompliance:** The tire information placard overstates the vehicle load capacity and designated seating capacity. This does not comply with the requirements of FMVSS No. 110, "Tire Selection and Rims."

**Consequence of Noncompliance:** Loading a vehicle beyond its capacity weight can cause tire and vehicle damage and can result in a vehicle crash.

**Corrective Action:** Owners will be mailed a revised placard containing the correct vehicle and designated seating capacities and instructions for installing the placard on their vehicles. If owners prefer, their dealer will install the placard for them.

**Note:** Owners who do not receive a free, revised label within a reasonable time should contact BMW at 1-800-831-1117.

#### **Ferrari North America**

**Model(s):** Ferrari 456 GT **Year(s): 1995**  
 Ferrari 512 M **Year(s): 1995**  
 Ferrari Berlinetta **Year(s): 1995**  
 Ferrari F 355 B **Year(s): 1995**

**Manufactured Dates:** May 1994-November 1994

**No. of Vehicle(s):** 211

**Recall No.:** 95V079000

**System:** Horn; Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 101.

**Vehicle Description:** Passenger vehicles.

**Description of Noncompliance:** The international horn emblem is missing from the leather steering wheel cover. This does not meet the requirements for FMVSS No. 101, "Controls and Displays."

**Consequence of Noncompliance:** The absence of the horn emblem could result in a driver's not being able to locate the horn in an emergency and thus increase risk of a crash and injury.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will stamp the steering wheel with an electrically heated tool on the left and right spoke of the steering wheel.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and the remedy is not provided free of charge within a reasonable time should contact Ferrari at 1-201-816-2651.

**General Motors Corporation.**

<b>Model(s):</b>	Buick Roadmaster	<b>Year(s):</b> 1994 - 1995
	Cadillac Fleetwood	<b>Year(s):</b> 1994 - 1995
	Chevrolet Caprice	<b>Year(s):</b> 1994 - 1995

**Manufactured Dates:** April 1994-December 1994

**No. of Vehicle(s):** 87,039

**Recall No.:** 95V082000

**System:** Accelerator; Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 124.

**Vehicle Description:** Passenger vehicles.

**Description of Noncompliance:** These vehicles fail to conform to FMVSS No. 124, "Accelerator Control Systems." At low temperatures, excessive friction can occur in the accelerator pedal assembly.

**Consequence of Noncompliance:** If the throttle return spring fails and there is excessive friction in the pedal assembly, the engine speed may not return to idle. This increases the potential for a vehicle crash.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will replace the accelerator pedal assembly.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the remedy within a reasonable time should contact Chevrolet at 1-800-222-1020, Buick at 1-800-521-7300, or Cadillac at 1-800-458-8006.

**Rolls-Royce Motors, Inc.**

<b>Model(s):</b>	Bentley Brooklands	<b>Year(s):</b> 1995
	Bentley Brooklands LWB	<b>Year(s):</b> 1995
	Bentley Continental	<b>Year(s):</b> 1995
	Rolls Royce Corniche IV	<b>Year(s):</b> 1995
	Rolls Royce Silver Dawn	<b>Year(s):</b> 1995
	Rolls Royce Silver Spur III	<b>Year(s):</b> 1995

**Manufactured Dates:** May 1994-February 1995

**No. of Vehicle(s):** 92

**Recall No.:** 95V070000

**System:** Brakes.

**Vehicle Description:** Non-turbo charged passenger vehicles equipped with an integrated hydraulic braking and load leveling system.

**Description of Defect:** The lower steering column linkage heat shield can come in contact with a brake hydraulic system pipe mounted to the engine assembly. This could eventually result in a hydraulic fluid leak.

**Consequence of Defect:** If a hydraulic fluid leak occurs, warning lights indicating loss of fluid and loss of system pressure will become illuminated. Front brake effectiveness will be lost, although rear braking would remain unaffected.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will reposition the affected hydraulic pipe and replace any damaged pipe.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time should contact Rolls-Royce at 1-201-967-9100.

**Toyota Motor Co., Ltd.**

**Model(s):** Lexus GS300                      **Year(s):** 1993 - 1994  
**Manufactured Dates:** September 1992-May 1994  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 27,604  
**Recall No.:** 95V072000

**System:** Front control arm.

**Vehicle Description:** Passenger vehicles.

**Description of Defect:** The spherical portions of certain lower ball joints have finished surfaces that were not smooth causing friction with the surface of the ball joint cap.

**Consequence of Defect:** This can lead to separation of the ball joint and increase the potential for a vehicle accident.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will replace the lower ball joints on the affected vehicles.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time should contact Toyota 1-800-255-3987.

***Light Trucks and Vans*****General Motors Corporation**

**Model(s):** Chevrolet Blazer                      **Year(s):** 1995  
                   GMC Jimmy                                      **Year(s):** 1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** January 1995-January 1995  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 271  
**Recall No.:** 95V080000

**System:** Front control arm.

**Vehicle Description:** Multipurpose vehicles equipped with four-wheel drive.

**Description of Defect:** The upper ball joint nuts were under-torqued. This resulted in improper seating in the steering knuckle.

**Consequence of Defect:** This can cause the ball joint stud to loosen and fracture, resulting in a loss of steering control.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will correctly torque the upper ball joint nut on both sides of the vehicle.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time should contact Chevrolet at 1-800-222-1020 or GMC at 1-800-462-8782.

**General Motors Corporation**

**Model(s):** Chevrolet Tahoe      **Year(s):** 1995  
 GMC Yukon      **Year(s):** 1995

**Manufactured Dates:** April 1994-December 1994

**No. of Vehicle(s):** 8,323

**Recall No.:** 95V081000

**System:** Seat belts; Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 210.

**Vehicle Description:** Light duty four-wheel drive, two-door multi-purpose vehicles.

**Description of Noncompliance:** Vehicles do not conform to FMVSS No. 210, "Seat Belt Anchorages." The center rear seat lap belt was improperly routed.

**Consequence of Noncompliance:** The occupant of this seat will not be properly restrained in the event of a vehicle crash.

**Corrective Action:** Instructions for re-routng the center rear seat lap belt will be sent to the vehicle owners. Owners who prefer can take their vehicles to their dealers and have it re-routed free by the dealer.

**Note:** Owners who do not receive a letter with instructions within a reasonable time should contact Chevrolet at 1-800-222-1020 or GMC at 1-800-462-8782.

**Independent Mobility Systems**

**Model(s):** Independent Mobility      **Year(s):** 1991 - 1995  
 Chrysler Town & Country

Independent Mobility      **Year(s):** 1992 - 1995

Dodge Caravan

Independent Mobility      **Year(s):** 1991 - 1994

Plymouth Voyager

**Manufactured Dates:** June 1991-January 1995

**No. of Vehicle(s):** 48

**Recall No.:** 95V075000

**System:** Seat tracks and anchors; Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 207.

**Vehicle Description:** Dodge Caravan, Plymouth Voyager and Chrysler Town & Country conversion vans equipped with Quad Command seat bases.

**Description of Noncompliance:** During testing of FMVSS No. 207, "Seating Systems," the seat base deformed. This allowed the seat back anchorages to detach from the floor and does not meet the requirements of FMVSS No. 207.

**Consequence of Noncompliance:** Occupants in seats that do not meet the minimum load requirements of FMVSS No. 207 are subject to increased risk of injury in a sudden stop or accident.

**Corrective Action:** Independent Mobility Systems dealers will replace the seat base extension with a redesigned seat base extension.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time should contact Independent Mobility Systems at 1-505-326-4538.

**Kia Motors America, Inc.**

**Model(s):** Kia Sportage **Year(s):** 1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** Oct 1994-Jan 1995  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 1,319  
**Recall No.:** 95V073000

**System:** Rear axle.

**Vehicle Description:** Multi-purpose passenger vehicle.

**Description of Defect:** The nuts attaching the rear axle bearing oil seal retainers and brake backing plates to the rear axle housing may be under-torqued. This could allow these units to loosen and fall off.

**Consequence of Defect:** This can result in oil leakage into the rear brake and onto the brake linings as well as rear brake damage if the axle nuts fall into the rear brake drums. Also the rear wheel/axle shaft could separate from the vehicle which would increase the potential for an accident.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will inspect and re-torque the rear axle bearing oil seal retainer nuts.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time should contact Kia at 1-800-333-4KIA.

***Large Trucks, Buses and Trailers*****Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.**

**Model(s):** Fleetwood Prowler **Year(s):** 1995  
 Fleetwood Terry **Year(s):** 1994 - 1995  
 Fleetwood Wilderness **Year(s):** 1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** November 1993-March 1995  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 365  
**Recall No.:** 95V078000

**System:** Electrical wiring.

**Vehicle Description:** Models 35C, 39D and 39F RV park trailers.

**Description of Defect:** The wiring to the breakaway switch located on the park trailer A-frame was incorrectly installed. This switch activates the trailer brakes if the park trailer becomes disconnected from the tow vehicle during towing.

**Consequence of Defect:** If the park trailer were to become disconnected during towing, the trailer brakes would not be activated. This would increase the potential for a vehicle accident.

**Corrective Action:** Owners will be supplied with a kit and instructions to correct the wiring of this switch. Owners who prefer to do so can have their dealers rewire the switch free.

**Note:** Owners who do not receive a kit within a reasonable amount of time should contact Fleetwood at 1-800-445-3307.

**Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.**

**Model(s):** Fleetwood Bounder      **Year(s):** 1995  
 Fleetwood Flair      **Year(s):** 1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** October 1994-February 1995  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 250  
**Recall No.:** 95V077000

**System:** Equipment.

**Vehicle Description:** Class A motorhomes.

**Description of Defect:** The wooden convenience table in the living room area of the motorhome was not securely attached to the floor. This permits it to move when the vehicle is in motion.

**Consequence of Defect:** The table could roll during braking or as the vehicle moves and injure a vehicle occupant or distract the driver. This would increase the risk of a vehicle accident.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will inspect and install, as necessary, hardware that attaches the tables to the motorhome living room area floor.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time should contact Fleetwood at 1-800-854-4755.

**Monon Corporation**

**Model(s):** Monon Monon      **Year(s):** 1993 - 1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** April 1993-March 1995  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 3,109  
**Recall No.:** 95V076000

**System:** Air brake lines and fittings; Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 121.

**Vehicle Description:** 28-foot, single axle, dry freight van trailers equipped with air brake systems supplied by AlliedSignal Automotive Truck Brake Company.

**Description of Noncompliance:** The air line connections were incorrectly installed on these trailers causing the air brake application and release times to be slower than required by FMVSS No. 121, "Air Brake Systems."

**Consequence of Noncompliance:** This can result in an increased potential for a vehicle accident.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will re-route the brake air line connections.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time should contact Monon at 1-800-231-6413.

**Motorcycles****Buell Distribution Corporation**

**Model(s):** Buell S2 Thunderbolt **Year(s):** 1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** June 1994-April 1995  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 651  
**Recall No.:** 95V083000

**System:** Wheel rims; Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 120.

**Vehicle Description:** Motorcycles.

**Description of Noncompliance:** Motorcycles do not conform to the requirements of FMVSS No. 120, "Tire Selection and Rims for Vehicles other than Passenger Cars." The rims do not contain the required designation information.

**Consequence of Noncompliance:** Possibility of overloading and underinflating which could cause tire failures and increase the potential for a vehicle accident.

**Corrective Action:** Owners will receive permanent, adhesive, weather-resistant rim labels with the correct designations. Owners themselves can place the correct labels on the rims or they can take their motorcycles to an authorized dealer to have the dealer install the labels free.

**Note:** Owners who do not receive the free labels within a reasonable time should contact Buell at 1-414-935-8400.

**Cagiva North America**

**Model(s):** Ducati 916 **Year(s):** 1995  
**Manufactured Dates:** March 1994-March 1995  
**No. of Vehicle(s):** 600  
**Recall No.:** 95V074000

**System:** Motorcycle kickstand.

**Vehicle Description:** Motorcycles equipped with retractable side stands.

**Description of Defect:** The side stand spring plate on the retractable side stand can break allowing the side stand to drop and possibly hit the ground while the vehicle is in motion.

**Consequence of Defect:** This could affect the control of the motorcycle and increase the potential for a vehicle accident.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will replace the spring plate on the affected motorcycles.

**Note:** Owners who take their motorcycles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time should contact Cagiva at 1-201-839-2600.

## *Child Safety Seats*

### **All Our Kids Juvenile Pro**

**Models:** All Our Kids 600  
All Our Kids 602  
**Manufactured Dates:** April 1993-September 1994  
**No. of Unit(s):** 25,482  
**Recall No.:** 95E013000

**System:** Child safety seat; Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 213.

**Equipment Description:** Models 600 BK (black fabric, black webbing), 600 SI (silver fabric, silver webbing), 600 PR (blue fabric, red webbing), 600 HP (green, purple fabric, pink webbing), 602 BK (black fabric, black webbing), 602 CW (black and white cow print fabric, black webbing), 602 PR (blue fabric, red webbing), and 602 PF (purple fabric, pink webbing) travel vests. Model 600 manufactured from April 1993 through March 1994, and Model 602 manufactured from March 1994 through September 1994.

**Description of Noncompliance:** The nylon fabric in these child safety seats does not meet the requirements of FMVSS No. 213, "Child Restraint Systems" and FMVSS No. 302, "Flammability of Interior Materials."

**Consequence of Noncompliance:** Seat occupants would be at increased risk of burn injury when the seat material is exposed to a source of ignition.

**Corrective Action:** All Our Kids will instruct owners in how to treat the fabric with flame retardant agents.

**Note:** Owners who have a problem obtaining the repair of these safety seats should contact All Our Kids at 1-800-545-3265.

*Equipment***AlliedSignal Automotive**

**Brand(s):** AlliedSignal Oil Filter  
Fram PH6017

**Manufactured Dates:** January 1995-March 1995

**No. of Unit(s):** 25,115

**Recall No.:** 95E010000

**System:** Oil filter.

**Equipment Description:** Motorcycle oil filters with the words "Made In Korea" printed on the filter and on the packaging.

**Description of Defect:** The distance from the first thread of the filter to the gasket face is approximately 0.405" and it should be approximately 0.388". This design allows only a few threads to engage when installing the oil filter on a motorcycle and can result in the its "blowing off."

**Consequence of Defect:** If the filter blows off, oil will be sprayed out onto the motorcycle and road surface and could cause the driver to lose control. It would increase the potential for a vehicle accident.

**Corrective Action:** AlliedSignal wants the oil filters returned to the dealers for immediate credit. For filters installed by dealers, all service and required parts will be provided free to customers.

**Note:** Customers who have problems when returning the filters or in obtaining the needed repair from dealers should contact AlliedSignal at 1-800-465-9041.

**Gibson Chemical & Oil Co.**

**Brand(s):** Walker Brake Fluid

**Manufactured Dates:** May 1994-May 1994

**No. of Unit(s):** 1,957

**Recall No.:** 95E012000

**System:** Hydraulic brake fluid; Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 116.

**Equipment Description:** Super heavy duty brake fluid sold in 12-oz., quart, gallon and five-gallon containers, Lot 59944.

**Description of Noncompliance:** The brake fluid failed to comply with the requirements of FMVSS No. 116, "Motor Vehicle Brake Fluids," and is believed to be contaminated.

**Consequence of Noncompliance:** The brake fluid can have an adverse affect on components of the hydraulic brake assembly and the braking performance of the vehicle.

**Corrective Action:** Brake fluid is to be returned to Gibson for replacement or refund.

**Note:** Customers who have problems returning the brake fluid or receiving a refund should contact Gibson at 1-516-543-6970.

**Rockwell International**

**Brand(s):** Rockwell FC  
 Rockwell FD  
 Rockwell FF  
 Rockwell FG  
 Rockwell FL

**Manufactured Dates:** February 1995-March 1995

**No. of Unit(s):** 1,386

**Recall No.:** 95E009000

**System:** Tie rod.

**Equipment Description:** Non-driving front axles which range in capacity from 7,000-pound to 20,000-pound.

**Description of Defect:** During assembly, the tie rod end nuts were not properly torqued. Extremely low torque can allow movement between the ball stud and the tie rod arm and cause damage.

**Consequence of Defect:** This can affect the driver's ability to steer the vehicle and increase the potential for a vehicle accident.

**Corrective Action:** Rockwell will notify the truck manufacturers who purchased these axles to check for proper torque and, where necessary, tighten to specifications.

**Note:** Manufacturers with questions should contact Rockwell at 1-810-435-7574.

**SGM Company, Inc.**

**Brand(s):** SGM Air/Heat Unit

**Manufactured Dates:** Jan 1995-Mar 1995

**No. of Unit(s):** 241

**Recall No.:** 95E011000

**System:** Heater.

**Equipment Description:** Dash air/heat unit used on buses.

**Description of Defect:** The plastic housing on these units can crack and fall onto a motor resistor.

**Consequence of Defect:** This creates the potential for a vehicle fire.

**Corrective Action:** Dealers will replace the blower unit used in the dash air/heat unit.

**Note:** Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time should contact SGM at 1-216-255-1190.

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## **NHTSA EXECUTIVES MOVE TO NEW JOBS**

The head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) today announced that two associate administrators moved to new positions within the safety agency on June 15.

NHTSA Administrator Ricardo Martinez, M.D., said that William A. Boehly, who was the Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance, became the Associate Administrator for Research and Development, replacing George L. Parker, who retired; and Michael Brownlee, formerly the Associate Administrator for Traffic Safety Programs, replaced Boehly.

"This change represents an important transfer of knowledge within the agency because each of these executives has had long experience in traffic safety and has made important contributions. Both are committed to molding new leaders and mentoring experts to whom the people of the United States can entrust the future of motor vehicle safety," Dr. Martinez said.

Boehly, a pioneer in traffic safety who joined the agency in 1969, brings vast experience to his new role, Dr. Martinez said. Boehly headed NHTSA's research safety vehicle program in the late 1970s, the Office of Market Incentives, the National Center for Statistics and Analysis and the Office of Vehicle Safety Standards. "His achievements in making vehicles safer — through regulations, incentives and enforcement activities — will provide the perspective we need to make research and development planning fruitful for years to come," Dr. Martinez said.

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Brownlee has been with the agency since 1978. He headed the Office of Defects Investigation from 1987 to 1991 and was the director of the Office of Market Incentives and the Office of Occupant Protection before that. "He brings an impressive list of accomplishments to his new role. Most recently he laid the groundwork for great strides in traffic safety by sharpening our focus on driver behavior as a factor in traffic crashes. He'll bring that same commitment to safety assurance," Dr. Martinez said.

James Hedlund, director of the Office of Alcohol and State Programs, succeeded Brownlee as the Acting Associate Administrator for Traffic Safety Programs.

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**SAFETY OFFICIAL RECOGNIZES  
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
AND RIDDELL FOR BICYCLE SAFETY**

Dr. Ricardo Martinez, M.D., administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), recently presented public service awards to National Football League Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and Dan Coughill, president of Riddell, Inc., a helmet manufacturer, for their commitment to bicycle safety.

The NFL, Riddell and NHTSA sponsored "Ride Like a Pro," a bicycle safety event held in conjunction with Super Bowl XXIX in Miami in January 1995. These awards recognize the organizations' community service and injury prevention activities while promoting bicycle helmet usage.

"The NFL and Riddell have become national leaders in promoting bicycle helmet use, and the NFL's role models have been key to the success of the campaign. Special thanks to Riddell for graciously donating helmets for more than 500 children participating in the events," Dr. Martinez said.

Dr. Martinez, a board-certified emergency physician, noted that bicycle crashes are one of the most frequent causes of injury-related deaths for children. "Crashes with serious head injury are among the most tragic seen in hospital emergency rooms. Helmet use can reduce or prevent the injury. It is through the efforts of the National Football League and Riddell that children today are beginning to think it is 'cool' to wear bicycle safety helmets, especially those bearing the emblem of their favorite NFL team."

The NFL and Riddell also were involved in helmet promotion events as part of the previous two Super Bowls. The New Orleans Saints recently held a bicycle safety event and members of the Washington Redskins participated in a recent *Moving Kids Safely National Conference* sponsored by Transportation Secretary Federico Peña.

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**NHTSA ANNOUNCES SAFETY RECALLS  
OF TWO CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) today announced safety recalls of 3,100 child safety seats manufactured by Babyhood Manufacturing, Inc., of Shrewsbury, Mass., and 25,482 child restraint harnesses manufactured by All Our Kids of Montebello, Calif.

According to NHTSA Administrator Ricardo Martinez, M.D., some of Babyhood's Baby-Sitter Model 8200 child safety seats manufactured between Jan. 31, 1992 and June 30, 1993, are being recalled because the buckle latch may require too much strength to release.

"We're concerned that the additional pressure required to release the buckles on these safety seats could hamper removal of a child in an emergency situation," Dr. Martinez, a board-certified emergency physician, said. He told parents to continue using the child safety seats while awaiting replacement parts.

When tested by the safety agency, buckles on some Baby-Sitter child safety seats required greater force to release than permitted by the federal motor vehicle safety standard. The standard for child restraints sets a maximum release force for these buckles to ensure that a child can be easily removed from the child seat after a crash.

Buckles on these seats consist of two buckle tips and a push button buckle latch. One of the two buckle tips requires replacement, Dr. Martinez said.

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He said owners should contact Babyhood to obtain a free replacement buckle tip and installation instructions. They can do so by calling Babyhood at (508) 845-4231 or by writing to Babyhood Manufacturing, Inc., 508 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury, Mass. 01545.

The All Our Kids recall applies to child restraints with model numbers 600 and 602. Model 600 was manufactured between April 1, 1993 and March 31, 1994, and Model 602 was manufactured between March 1 and Sept. 30, 1994.

According to Dr. Martinez, the All Our Kids child restraint harnesses are being recalled because fabric on them burns faster than permitted by the federal standard and because labels on the devices do not meet requirements of the same safety standard. Dr. Martinez urged parents who own the harnesses to continue using them if no replacement restraint is available while awaiting instructions from the manufacturer because the risk to an unrestrained child traveling in a motor vehicle is much greater.

Owners of the child restraint harnesses should call All Our Kids toll-free at (800) 545-3265, or write to All Our Kids, 1540 Beach St., Montebello, Calif. 90640, and they will receive instructions to remedy the problems free of charge.

Consumers with questions about this or any other safety recall campaign should call NHTSA's toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at (800) 424-9393. The number to call in the Washington, D.C., area is (202) 366-0123.

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