

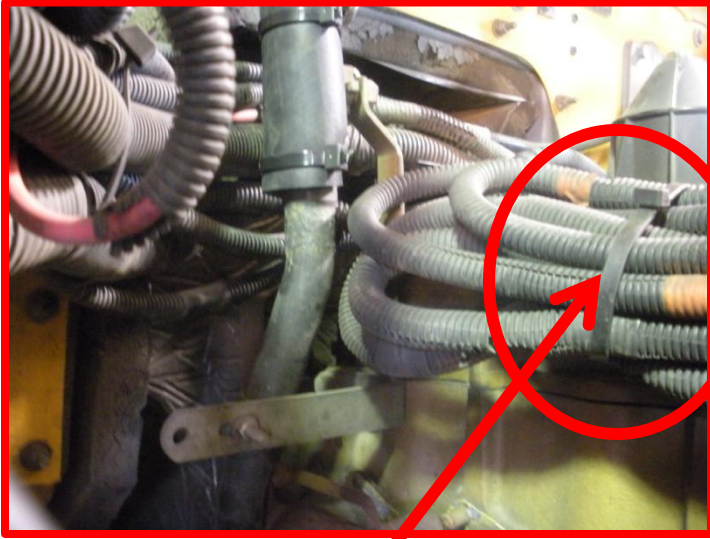


This Carolina Thomas Bus Buzz is a friendly reminder to all North Carolina LEA's to verify you have performed SF249A on all older FS65's with Caterpillar engines.

Your county may have already handled this service bulletin but we have recently noticed some older buses that still have the issue.



**Reminder of Issue Communicated Previously  
Per Field Service Campaign SF249A from 2002**



**Improper use of zip ties on looms above exhaust manifold.**



**Proper P-Clamp of wires above exhaust manifold.**

**When inspecting units we are still noticing that some units still have zip ties securing wire looms above the exhaust manifold. Wiring looms above the exhaust manifold should not be secured with zip ties. They should be P-clamped to the valve cover to avoid failure of zip ties due to heat per SF249A. Zip ties this close to the exhaust heat can weaken over time and then allow the wiring to drop down on hot exhaust components. See Photos. A copy of SF249A is posted on our website for your convenience in the Carolina Thomas Bus Buzz section.**





In an effort to help you prevent issues in your fleet we are trying to pass along service and maintenance hints.

You can always contact us toll free if you have any questions at 1-800-440-3492.

