



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE09-023

Date Opened: 05/06/2009

Principal Investigator: Sonny Murianka

Subject: Emergency Window Handles Break

Manufacturer: Freightliner LLC

Products: 2009-2010 Thomas Transit Buses

Population: 1,500 (estimate)

Problem Description: Handles break off when attempting to open windows.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	6		
Crashes/Fires:	0		
Injury Incidents:	0		
# Injuries:	0		
Fatality Incidents:	0		
# Fatalities:	0		
Other:	0		

Description of Other:

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation (PE) has been opened.

Engineer: Sonny Murianka *SM*

Date: 05/06/2009

Div. Chief: Richard Boyd

Date: 05/06/2009

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Summary:

New York State DOT contacted ODI and provided documented cases where the window handles detached (broke) from the window while performing "in-service" inspections.

ODI's concern is that once the handle breaks off, the window cannot be opened in the event an emergency exit is necessary.

This investigation is opened to further study this issue.