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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

*March 31, 2005*

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NVS-215  
05V-116

Subject: RADIUS ROD BRACKET

Dear MR.LEGG:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records, as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

NEW FLYER/C35LF/2004-2005  
NEW FLYER/C40LF/2004-2005  
NEW FLYER/D30LF/2004-2005  
NEW FLYER/D35LF/2004-2005  
NEW FLYER/D40LF/2004-2005  
NEW FLYER/D60LF/2004-2005  
NEW FLYER/DE40LF/2004-2005

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-116

**Recall Date:** March 22, 2005

**Components:**

STEERING:LINKAGES:TIE ROD ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 178

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN TRANSIT BUSES EQUIPPED WITH MERITOR FRONT AXLE ASSEMBLIES, A WELD IS MISSING ON THE RADIUS ROD ATTACHMENT BRACKET AND THE BRACKET MAY FATIGUE AND FAIL WHILE IN USE..

**Consequence:**

BRACKET FAILURE COULD RESULT IN A CRASH WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE BRACKETS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN MARCH 30, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT NEW FLYER AT 204-934-4874.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577.

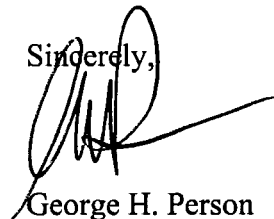
- A paragraph needs to be added providing a description of whatever prior warning may occur, and a statement that if this warning is not heeded, a vehicle crash can occur. If a vehicle crash is not the potential occur, the evaluation must include a statement indicating the general type of injury to occupants of the vehicle, or to persons outside the vehicle, that can result from this problem, and a description of whatever prior warning could occur.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin on March 30, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2005.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division