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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

May 16, 2005

THOMAS KAUBLE
ACCUBUILT, INC.
2550 CENTRAL POINT PARKWAY
LIMA OH 45804

NVS-215
05V-214

Subject: BATTERY WIRING/MOBILITY LIFT

Dear MR. KAUBLE:

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:

ACCUBUILT/VAN/2004
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NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-214

Recall Date: May 06, 2005

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 51

Summary:

ON CERTAIN HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE VANS BUILT ON FORD E350 CHASSIS WITH 6.0L DIESEL ENGINES, ACCUBUILT ADDS AN ADDITIONAL POSITIVE LEAD WIRE FROM THE DUAL VEHICLE BATTERIES TO THE MOBILITY LIFT FOR OPERATING POWER. THE END CONNECTIONS FOR THE ADDED POWER WIRE CAN BECOME CORRODED WHICH CAN CAUSE INCREASED HEAT GENERATION IN THE WIRE AND CAN MELT THE PLASTIC COATING AND/OR THE PLASTIC CORRUGATED PROTECTIVE SHEATHING.

Consequence:

HEAT GENERATION COULD POTENTIALLY MELT THE WIRE TO CONNECTOR JOINT AND A FIRE COULD OCCUR WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING.

Remedy:

THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED A REMEDY OR AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT ACCUBUILT AT 419-222-8608.

Notes:

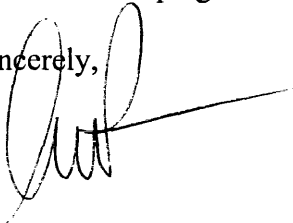
CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

Please provide us with the beginning dates for the build date range [of vehicles] affected by this recall as well as an owner notification schedule.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

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 or delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division