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NVS-215
05V-226

Subject: ELDORADO NATIONAL - CALIFORNIA, INC.
FMVSS 101 AND 105/ INSTRUMENT CLUSTER/WORKHORSE

Dear MR. BENSMAN:

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:
ELDORADO/ESCORT FE/2003-2004

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-226

Recall Date: May 10, 2005

Components:
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 13

Summary:
CERTAIN TRANSIT BUSES BUILT ON WORKHORSE CHASSIS AND EQUIPPED WITH ACTIA CORPORATE INSTRUMENT CLUSTERS FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD (FMVSS) NOS. 101 "CONTROLS AND DISPLAYS" AND 105 "HYDRAULIC AND ELECTRIC BRAKE SYSTEMS." THE INCORRECT SOFTWARE PROGRAMMED INTO THE INSTRUMENT PANEL CLUSTER SUCH THAT CERTAIN DRIVER WARNINGS REQUIRED BY FMVSS 101 AND 105 ARE NOT DISPLAYED. AS A RESULT OF THIS INCORRECT SOFTWARE, THE INSTRUMENT PANEL CLUSTER MAY FAIL TO ILLUMINATE WARNING LAMPS INDICATING BRAKE SYSTEM FAILURE CODES.

Consequence:
DRIVERS WOULD NOT BE WARNED OF BRAKE SYSTEM FAILURES.

Remedy:

WORKHORSE IS CONDUCTING THE OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT WORKHORSE AT 1-877-246-7731 OR ELDORADO AT 909-591-9557.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236).

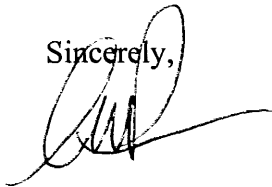
This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ05-006, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

As stated in your report, Workhorse will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.5 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Workhorse's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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