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WINNIPEG, MANITOBA  
CANADA 00 R2J 4G5

NVS-215  
05V-298

Subject: CENTER LINK ASSEMBLY OVER-TORQUE CONDITION

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/D40LF/2004

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-298

**Recall Date:** June 16, 2005

**Components:**

STEERING:LINKAGES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 218

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN TRANSIT BUSES CUSTOM BUILT FOR SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND EQUIPPED WITH MAN AXLES, THE CENTER-LINK ASSEMBLIES WERE INCORRECTLY TIGHTENED.

**Consequence:**

IMPROPER SECURING OF THE CENTER-LINK ROD ENDS COULD CAUSE THE ASSEMBLY TO COME APART, RESULTING IN LOSS OF VEHICLE STEERING CONTROL, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TRANSIT AUTHORITY WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THIS RECALL. VEHICLES WILL HAVE THE SUBJECT COMPONENTS REPLACED.

**Notes:**

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

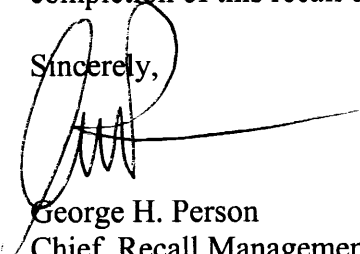
We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter. At the end of the third paragraph, you need to state what risk is involved and the consequences of this defect, i.e., "Improper securing of the center-link rod ends could cause the assembly to come apart, resulting in loss of vehicle steering control, which could cause a crash without prior warning."

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, owner notification is expected to begin during July 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 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,



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Enforcement