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of Transportation

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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

*November 17, 2005*

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NVS-215  
05V-528

Subject: TIRE INFORMATION LABEL/FMVSS 110

Dear MS. SCURRAH:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent 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:**

WHEELED COACH/TYPE II/2004-2006  
WHEELED COACH/TYPE III-SRW/2004-2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-528

**Mfg's Report Date:** November 15, 2005

**Components:** EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 110

**Summary:**

CERTAIN AMBULANCES BUILT ON FORD E350 AND CHEVROLET GMT610 VAN FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 110 "TIRE SELECTION AND RIMS." THESE AMBULANCES HAVE THE INCORRECT OR MISSING TIRE AND LOADING INFORMATION PLACARDS IN THE DRIVER'S DOOR JAMB. THIS INFORMATION WILL AID IN LOADING THE AMBULANCE TO AVOID EXCEEDING THE GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING.

**Consequence:**

A MISPRINTED LABEL WOULD LEAD TO IMPROPER VEHICLE LOADING SPECIFICATIONS OR TIRE INFLATION WHICH COULD RESULT IN A TIRE FAILURE, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

OWNERS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH NEW TIRE INFORMATION PLACARDS AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS. AT THE CUSTOMER'S OPTION, A DEALER CAN PERFORM THE INSTALLATION FOR THEM. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 29, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT WHEELED COACH AT 1-800-628-8178.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

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.

The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

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

A statement needs to be added advising the owner of the risk and consequences involved, i.e., "...a misprinted label would lead to improper vehicle loading specifications or tire inflation which could result in a tire failure, increasing the risk of a crash."

On next to the last paragraph, the Agency's contact information has been changed. Please change the following sentence to read: "You may also contact the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; or *call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.*"

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 on November 29, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2006.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Wallace".

George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement