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**VIA FACSIMILE AND
CERTIFIED U.S. MAIL,
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

05V-021
(15 pages)

Mr. George H. Person
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Office of Defects Investigation
400 7th Street, S.W. NSA-11
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Person:

Our firm is general counsel for ElDorado National (California), Inc. ("ElDorado"), 9670 Galena Street, Riverside, California 92509. On behalf of ElDorado, we are hereby notifying the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that a safety-related defect may exist in certain Escort RE and Transmark RE buses.

The defect at issue in this recall campaign involves certain model 20-EDL ball socket assemblies manufactured by TRW that were incorporated into axles manufactured by ArvinMeritor in 1999 and 2000. Both TRW and ArvinMeritor initiated recall campaigns with respect to the model 20-EDL ball socket assemblies that were assigned NHTSA Recall Number 00E-047.

The defective TRW model 20-EDL ball socket assemblies were incorporated into ArvinMeritor axles used on certain ElDorado buses manufactured in 1999 and 2000. ElDorado also sold certain of the defective TRW model 20-EDL ball socket assemblies as after-market products to some of its customers. ElDorado recently discovered that the owners of the buses containing the defective ball socket assemblies and the after-market purchasers were not notified of the existence of the recall campaign. As a result, ElDorado has initiated this recall campaign so that the owners of the ElDorado buses containing the defective ball socket assemblies and the after-market purchasers of such defective ball socket assemblies are notified of the defect and so that the defective ball socket assemblies are replaced.

ElDorado regrets the delay in initiating this recall campaign. The delay occurred, in part, as a result of the untimely death of Bob Kearns, who was the ElDorado representative responsible for conducting recall campaigns for ElDorado. Upon Mr. Kearns' death, no one at ElDorado realized that the notifications were not made to the owners of the buses or to the after-market purchasers subject to this recall campaign. Only upon a recent review of its files did ElDorado realize that the proper notifications were not completed in connection with the initial recall campaigns conducted by TRW and ArvinMeritor.

- A. Identification of Vehicles; Recall Population. Based on information provided by TRW and ArvinMeritor, ElDorado has determined that the defective ball socket assemblies may be present on certain 2000 and 2001 model year Escort RE and Transmark RE buses. The total number of buses subject to this recall campaign has been determined to be 80. However, ElDorado believes that 17 of these buses have a second front axle that also contains the defective TRW ball socket assembly. Accordingly, 97 defective TRW ball socket assemblies may be incorporated in the 80 buses subject to this recall campaign. The buses subject to this recall campaign were manufactured by ElDorado during the period from October 1999 through November 2000. Information on the 80 buses subject to this recall campaign, including but not limited to the VIN number, the shipping date, and the name and address of the end user, is set forth in the attached Exhibit "A."

Based on information provided by TRW and ArvinMeritor, ElDorado also determined that 30 of the defective TRW ball socket assemblies may have been sold by ElDorado to certain of its after-market purchasers. Information on the 30 after-market sales, including but not limited to the names of such purchasers and the dates of these after-market sales, is set forth in the attached Exhibit "B."

- B. Description of Defect. Based on its engineering investigation, ArvinMeritor concluded that the TRW model 20-EDL ball socket assemblies have a less robust bearing design, which leads to higher wear rates and more rapid wear out than previous TRW designs. Specifically, ArvinMeritor determined that the material specifications for the 20 EDL ball socket assemblies render the bearings in those assemblies more vulnerable to manufacturing variations that can result in inadequate case depth and hardness. ArvinMeritor determined that ball socket assemblies with inadequate case depth and hardness may prematurely wear out which, in turn, may lead to a separation of the tie-rod assembly.
- C. Remedying of Defect. The program to be implemented by ElDorado to remedy the defect will include notification to all owners of the buses subject to this recall campaign and notification to all of the after-market purchasers of the defective TRW ball socket assemblies. The owners and after-market purchasers will be instructed that the defective TRW model 20-EDL ball socket assemblies must be replaced. The owners and after-market purchasers will be instructed to call ElDorado in order to

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schedule the repair of their bus. Written instructions for identifying the defect and the repair procedures will be provided to the facility that will be conducting such repair. As will be set forth in the notification letter to be mailed to the owners and after-market purchasers, the defective ball socket assemblies will be replaced at no expense to the owner.

- D. Owner Notifications. Notification letters shall be sent to the owners of the 80 buses subject to this recall campaign and to the 30 after-market purchasers of the defective TRW ball socket assemblies. Attached as Exhibit "C" is a draft of the proposed notification letter to the owners of the subject buses and the after-market purchasers.

The enclosed notification letter is being submitted for your review and approval. ElDorado intends to mail the notification letters within 30 days after receipt of approval from your office.

I would appreciate your office providing me with a pre-review determination of the enclosed documents at your earliest convenience. Please contact me after you have had an opportunity to conduct this review. I trust that you will find the enclosed documents comply with the NHTSA regulations and will approve the documents for form and content. If you need any additional information regarding this recall campaign, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Daniel A. Bensman

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Enclosures

cc: ElDorado National (California), Inc. (via fax)
Mr. John M. Garmhausen

AXLE RECALL

12/7/2004

SER#	Front Axle SN	2nd Front Axle	BUS MODEL	VIN#	SHIP-DT	BILL-TO/SHIP-TO	SHIP-TO / END USER
701158	NKA00025438		ERE	1N9EHAC841C084121	17-Nov-00	ATEL LEASING CORP. AND ITS ASSIGNEES SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104	ALAMO 6855 BERMUDA ROAD LAS VEGAS, NV
701159	NKA00025439		ERE	1N9EHAC861C084122	28-Nov-00	ATEL LEASING CORP. AND ITS ASSIGNEES SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104	ALAMO 6855 BERMUDA ROAD LAS VEGAS, NV
701160	NKA00025436		ERE	1N9EHAC881C084123	29-Nov-00	ATEL LEASING CORP. AND ITS ASSIGNEES SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104	ALAMO 6855 BERMUDA ROAD LAS VEGAS, NV
701150	NKA00025450		ERE	1N9EHAC851C084077	30-Sep-00	ALAMO RENT A CAR, INC. 8200 MCCOY ROAD ORLANDO, FL 32822	ALAMO RENT A CAR, INC. 8200 MCCOY ROAD ORLANDO, FL
701151	NKA00025449		ERE	1N9EHAC871C084078	18-Oct-00	ALAMO RENT A CAR, INC. 8200 MCCOY ROAD ORLANDO, FL 32822	ALAMO RENT A CAR, INC. 2247 E. WASHINGTON, ST PHOENIX, AZ
701161	NKA00025437		ERE	1N9EHAC8X1C084124	30-Nov-00	ATEL LEASING CORP. AND ITS ASSIGNEES SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104	ALAMO RENT A CAR, INC. 8200 MCCOY ROAD ORLANDO, FL
701094	NKA99062891		ERE	1N9EBAC60YC084109	23FEB00 *	CREATIVE BUS SALES 13501 BENSON AVE. CHINO, CA 91710	BUDGET 5188 SO PARADISE RD LAS VEGAS, NV 89119
701095	NKA99055232		ERE	1N9EBAC67YC084110	23FEB00 *	CREATIVE BUS SALES 13501 BENSON AVE. CHINO, CA 91710	BUDGET 5188 SO PARADISE RD LAS VEGAS, NV 89119
780610	NKA99047652		ERE	1N9TBAC88YC084061	04JAN00 *	THOMAS BUS 5636 N.E. 14TH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50316	DES MOINES MTA 1100 MTA LANE DES MOINES, IA 50309
780609	NKA99047651		ERE	1N9TBAC86YC084060	04JAN00 *	THOMAS BUS 5636 N.E. 14TH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50316	DES MOINES MTA 1100 MTA LANE DES MOINES, IA 50309
780615	NKA99047649		ERE	1N9TDAC88YC084118	02MAY00 *	LASSETER BUS & MOBILITY 820 OFFICE PARK CIRCLE LEWISVILLE, TX 75057	DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT 3122 E. 30TH ST., P.O. DRAWER 61942 DFW AIRPORT, TX 75261
780614	NKA99055231		ERE	1N9TDAC86YC084117	03MAY00 *	LASSETER BUS & MOBILITY 820 OFFICE PARK CIRCLE LEWISVILLE, TX 75057	DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT 3122 E. 30TH ST., P.O. DRAWER 619428 DFW AIRPORT, TX 75261
780619	NKA99047645		ERE	1N9TDAC8XYC084122	04MAY00 *	LASSETER BUS & MOBILITY	DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

EXHIBIT "A"

					820 OFFICE PARK CIRCLE LEWISVILLE, TX 75057	3122 E. 30TH ST., P.O. DRAWER 61942 DFW AIRPORT, TX 75261
780616	NKA99047650	ERE	1N9TDAC8XYC084119	04MAY00 *	LASSETER BUS & MOBILITY 820 OFFICE PARK CIRCLE LEWISVILLE, TX 75057	DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT 3122 E. 30TH ST., P.O. DRAWER 61942 DFW AIRPORT, TX 75261
780617	NKA99047647	ERE	1N9TDAC86YC084120	05MAY00 *	LASSETER BUS & MOBILITY 820 OFFICE PARK CIRCLE LEWISVILLE, TX 75057	DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT 3122 E. 30TH ST., P.O. DRAWER 61942 DFW AIRPORT, TX 75261
780618	NKA99047648	ERE	1N9TDAC88YC084121	05MAY00 *	LASSETER BUS & MOBILITY 820 OFFICE PARK CIRCLE LEWISVILLE, TX 75057	DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT 3122 E. 30TH ST., P.O. DRAWER 61942 DFW AIRPORT, TX 75261
701070	NKA99047646	ERE	1N9EBAC62YC084127	27-Apr-00	COMERICA LEASING CORP 29201 TELEGRAPH ROAD SOUTHFIELD, MI 48034	DOLLAR RENT A CAR 5301 RENT A CAR ROAD LAS VEGAS, NV 89119
780646	NKA99045628	ERE	1N9TBAC8XYC084143	02MAY00 *	SOUTHEASTERN BUS SALES 5483 I-55 SOUTH JACKSON, MS 39212	JA TRAN 1025 TERRY RD JACKSON, MS 39207
780647	NKA99045634	ERE	1N9TBAC81YC084144	24MAY00 *	SOUTHEASTERN BUS SALES 5483 I-55 SOUTH JACKSON, MS 39212	JA TRAN 1025 TERRY RD JACKSON, MS 39207
780648	NKA99045633	ERE	1N9TBAC83YC084145	24MAY00 *	SOUTHEASTERN BUS SALES 5483 I-55 SOUTH JACKSON, MS 39212	JA TRAN 1025 TERRY RD JACKSON, MS 39207
780649	NKA99045632	ERE	1N9TBAC85YC084146	25MAY00 *	SOUTHEASTERN BUS SALES 5483 I-55 SOUTH JACKSON, MS 39212	JA TRAN 1025 TERRY RD JACKSON, MS 39207
780650	NKA99045631	ERE	1N9TBAC87YC084147	26MAY00 *	SOUTHEASTERN BUS SALES 5483 I-55 SOUTH JACKSON, MS 39212	JA TRAN 1025 TERRY RD JACKSON, MS 39207
780601	NKA99039294	ERE	1N9TDAC60YC084001	27OCT99 *	CREATIVE BUS SALES 13501 BENSON AVE. CHINO, CA 91710	LAIDLAW 800 FESLER EL CAJON, CA
780602	NKA99039288	ERE	1N9TDAC62YC084002	27OCT99 *	CREATIVE BUS SALES 13501 BENSON AVE. CHINO, CA 91710	LAIDLAW 800 FESLER EL CAJON, CA
780604	NKA99039289	ERE	1N9TDAC66YC084004	29OCT99 *	CREATIVE BUS SALES 13501 BENSON AVE. CHINO, CA 91710	LAIDLAW 800 FESLER EL CAJON, CA
780603	NKA99039290	ERE	1N9TDAC64YC084003	29OCT99 *	CREATIVE BUS SALES 13501 BENSON AVE. CHINO, CA 91710	LAIDLAW 800 FESLER EL CAJON, CA

780624	NKA99047643		ERE	1N9TDAC65YC084124	11APR00 *	CREATIVE BUS SALES 13501 BENSON AVE. CHINO, CA 91710	LAIDLAW 800 FESLER EL CAJON, CA
780623	NKA99047644		ERE	1N9TDAC63YC084123	11APR00 *	CREATIVE BUS SALES 13501 BENSON AVE. CHINO, CA 91710	LAIDLAW 800 FESLER EL CAJON, CA
780635	NKA99045627		ERE	1N9TBAC63YC084158	26APR00 *	CREATIVE BUS SALES 13501 BENSON AVE. CHINO, CA 91710	MARTA 516 BOWLES BLVD BIG BEAR CITY, CA 92314
780633	NKA99045629		ERE	1N9TBAC6XYC084156	02MAY00 *	CREATIVE BUS SALES 13501 BENSON AVE. CHINO, CA 91710	MARTA 516 BOWLES BLVD. BIG BEAR CITY, CA 92314
780634	NKA99045630		ERE	1N9TBAC61YC084157	02MAY00 *	CREATIVE BUS SALES 13501 BENSON AVE. CHINO, CA 91710	MARTA 516 BOWLES BLVD. BIG BEAR CITY, CA 92314
701042	NKA99039292		ERE	1N9EDAC87XC084165	30-Oct-99	G.E. CAPITAL CORPORATION 1415 WEST 22ND STREET OAK BROOK, IL 60521	NATIONAL CAR RENTAL 560 BESSIE COLMAN ROAD CHICAGO, IL
701039	NKA99039295		ERE	1N9EDAC81XC084162	1-Nov-99	G.E. CAPITAL CORPORATION 1415 WEST 22ND STREET OAK BROOK, IL 60521	NATIONAL CAR RENTAL 3280 N. HARBOR DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA
701040	NKA99039296		ERE	1N9EDAC83XC084163	2-Nov-99	G.E. CAPITAL CORPORATION 1415 WEST 22ND STREET OAK BROOK, IL 60521	NATIONAL CAR RENTAL 1795 PERIMETER ROAD DANIA, FL
701043	NKA99039291		ERE	1N9EDAC89XC084166	4-Nov-99	G.E. CAPITAL CORPORATION 1415 WEST 22ND STREET OAK BROOK, IL 60521	NATIONAL CAR RENTAL 235 MARGINAL STREET CHELSEA, MA
780684	NKA00025447	X	ERE	1E9TAASS11C238003	30-Oct-00	THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM, INC. ONE SODREL DRIVE JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47129	THE FREE INTERPRISE SY ONE SODREL DRIVE JEFFERSONVILLE, IN
780685	NKA00025443		ERE	1E9TAASS31C238004	30-Oct-00	THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM, INC. ONE SODREL DRIVE JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47129	THE FREE INTERPRISE SY ONE SODREL DRIVE JEFFERSONVILLE, IN
780689	NKA00025444	X	ERE	1E9TAASS01C238008	31-Oct-00	THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM, INC. ONE SODREL DRIVE JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47129	THE FREE INTERPRISE SY ONE SODREL DRIVE JEFFERSONVILLE, IN
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780686	NKA00025442		ERE	1E9TAASS51C238005	31-Oct-00	THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM, INC.	THE FREE INTERPRISE SY

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780687	NKA00025441	X	ERE	1E9TAASS71C238006	31-Oct-00	THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM, INC. ONE SODREL DRIVE JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47129	THE FREE INTERPRISE SY ONE SODREL DRIVE JEFFERSONVILLE, IN
780621	NKA99045635		ERE	1N9TDAC80YC084047	09FEB00 *	CREATIVE BUS SALES 13501 BENSON AVE. CHINO, CA 91710	UCLA FLEET & TRANSIT S 555 WESTWOOD PLAZA LOS ANGELES, CA
780620	NKA99045636		ERE	1N9TDAC89YC084046	09FEB00 *	CREATIVE BUS SALES 13501 BENSON AVE. CHINO, CA 91710	UCLA FLEET & TRANSIT S 555 WESTWOOD PLAZA LOS ANGELES, CA
780613	NKA99039287		ERE	1N9TBAC88YC084044	24NOV99 *	LASSETER BUS & MOBILITY 820 OFFICE PARK CIRCLE LEWISVILLE, TX 75057	WACO TRANSIT 421 COLUMBUS AVE. WACO, TX 76701
701048	NKA99039293		ERE	1N9EHAC87YC084043	22NOV99 *	CHESAPEAKE BUS & EQUIPMENT 19211-D CHENNAULT WAY GAITHERSBURG, MD 20879	ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. HIGHWAY 9 BALTIMORE, MD 21213
780492	NKA99046068	X	ERE	1E9TAASS7YC238002	3-Apr-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780488	NKA99052738		ERE	1N9TBAC61YC084076	3-Apr-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780482	NKA99045254		ERE	1N9TBAC60YC084070	3-Apr-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK FRANK AUSTIN HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780493	NKA99046069	X	ERE	1E9TAASS9YC238003	5-Apr-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780483	NKA99045251		ERE	1N9TBAC62YC084071	5-Apr-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780487	NKA99045249		ERE	1N9TBAC6XYC084075	7-Apr-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780497	NKA99046066	X	ERE	1E9TAASS6YC238007	7-Apr-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780582	NKA99059683		ERE	1N9TBAC67YC084082	11-Apr-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767

780494	NKA99046065	X	ERE	1E9TAASS0YC238004	11-Apr-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780585	NKA99052737		ERE	1N9TBAC62YC084085	11-Apr-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780583	NKA99052742		ERE	1N9TBAC69YC084083	20-Apr-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780592	NKA99057900	X	ERE	1E9TAASSXVC238009	20-Apr-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780587	NKA99059682		ERE	1N9TBAC66YC084087	20-Apr-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780484	NKA99045252		ERE	1N9TBAC64YC084072	24-Apr-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780496	NKA99046062	X	ERE	1E9TAASS4YC238006	24-Apr-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780485	NKA99052743		ERE	1N9TBAC66YC084073	24-Apr-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780481	NKA99045253		ERE	1N9TBAC64YC084069	27-Apr-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780588	NKA99059681		ERE	1N9TBAC68YC084088	27-Apr-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780495	NKA99046063	X	ERE	1E9TAASS2YC238005	27-Apr-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780486	NKA99045250		ERE	1N9TBAC68YC084074	1-May-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780491	NKA99046064	X	ERE	1E9TAASS5YC238001	1-May-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780589	NKA99059680		ERE	1N9TBAC6XVC084089	1-May-00	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE	ZION NATIONAL PARK

					DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780586	NKA99052736		ERE	1N9TBAC64YC084086	1-May-00 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780595	NKA99057898	X	ERE	1E9TAASSXYC238012	3-May-00 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780581	NKA99059678		ERE	1N9TBAC65YC084081	3-May-00 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780580	NKA99059685		ERE	1N9TBAC63YC084080	3-May-00 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780594	NKA99057897	X	ERE	1E9TAASS8YC238011	5-May-00 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780579	NKA99059684		ERE	1N9TBAC67YC084079	5-May-00 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780489	NKA99052741		ERE	1N9TBAC63YC084077	5-May-00 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780578	NKA99052740		ERE	1N9TBAC65YC084078	8-May-00 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780593	NKA99057899	X	ERE	1E9TAASS6YC238010	8-May-00 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780584	NKA99052739		ERE	1N9TBAC60YC084084	10-May-00 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780596	NKA99057896	X	ERE	1E9TAASS1YC238013	10-May-00 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780498	NKA99046067	X	ERE	1E9TAASS8YC238008	12-May-00 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767
780590	NKA99059679		ERE	1N9TBAC66YC084090	17-May-00 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DENVER SUPPORT OFFICE - CONTRACTING LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	ZION NATIONAL PARK HIGHWAY 9 SPRINGDALE, UT 84767

80 REC

17 REC

97 TOTAL RECORDS

(X) INDICATES THAT THIS TRAILER HAS TWO AXLES SUSPECT TO THE RECALL

SALES ORDER	INV #	DATE	PART #	ENG PART	QTY	SOLE TO
93354	366050	10/26/99	R230068	1060599	1	ARCOLA BUS SALES 51 KERO ROAD CARLSTADT, NJ 07072
93354	366050	10/26/99	R230069	1060581	1	ARCOLA BUS SALES 51 KERO ROAD CARLSTADT, NJ 07072
103650	378207	05/15/01	R230068	1060599	2	ARIZONA BUS SALES 3639 E. SUPERIOR PHOENIX, AZ 85040
103650	378207	05/15/01	R230069	1060581	2	ARIZONA BUS SALES 3639 E. SUPERIOR PHOENIX, AZ 85040
105801	380796	09/06/01	R230068	1060599	1	BUS & EQUIPMENT REPAIR 31 KAREN ROAD BELMONT, CA 94002
94269	367167	02/07/00	R230068	1060599	1	BUS & EQUIPMENT REPAIR 31 KAREN ROAD BELMONT, CA 94002
105801	380796	09/06/01	R230069	1060581	1	BUS & EQUIPMENT REPAIR 31 KAREN ROAD BELMONT, CA 94002
94269	367167	02/07/00	R230069	1060581	1	BUS & EQUIPMENT REPAIR 31 KAREN ROAD BELMONT, CA 94002
100495	374517	02/07/01	R230068	1060599	1	CENTRAL STATES BUS SALES 2450 CASSENS DRIVE FENTON, MO 63026
104575	379415	09/13/01	R230069	1060581	1	CENTRAL STATES BUS SALES 2450 CASSENS DRIVE FENTON, MO 63026

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100495	374517	02/07/01	R230069	1060581	1	CENTRAL STATES BUS SALES 2450 CASSENS DRIVE FENTON, MO 63026
100495	374517	02/07/01	R230069	1060581	1	CENTRAL STATES BUS SALES 2450 CASSENS DRIVE FENTON, MO 63026
92527	365179	09/21/99	R230069	1060581	4	NORTHERN BUS SALES 13 REBEL ROAD HUDSON, NH 03051
98171	371758	08/03/00	R230069	1060581	1	NORTHERN BUS SALES 13 REBEL ROAD HUDSON, NH 03051
98430	372069	08/03/00	R230068	1060599	1	NORTHERN BUS SALES 13 REBEL ROAD HUDSON, NH 03051
98171	371558	08/03/00	R230068	1060599	1	NORTHERN BUS SALES 13 REBEL ROAD HUDSON, NH 03051
92527	365179	09/21/99	R230069	1060581	4	NORTHERN BUS SALES 13 REBEL ROAD HUDSON, NH 03051
98299	372036	08/02/00	R230069	1060581	1	NORTHERN BUS SALES 13 REBEL ROAD HUDSON, NH 03051
91503	363986	07/22/99	R230069	1060581	1	PENSKE TRUCK LEASING 163-01 ROCKAWAY BLVD. JAMIACA, NY 11434
91503	363986	07/22/99	R230068	1060599	1	PENSKE TRUCK LEASING 163-01 ROCKAWAY BLVD. JAMIACA, NY 11434
95825	369031	03/15/00	R230068	1060599	1	THOMAS BUS 5636 N.E. 14th STREET DES MOINES, IA 50313

95825	369031	03/15/00	R230069	1060581	1	THOMAS BUS
						5636 N.E. 14th STREET
						DES MOINES, IA 50313
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[ELDORADO NATIONAL LETTERHEAD]

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

Dear Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

ElDorado National (California), Inc. ("ElDorado") has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2000 and 2001 Escort RE and Transmark RE buses manufactured between October 1999 and November 2000, and in certain TRW 20-EDL ball socket assemblies sold by ElDorado between July 1999 and September 2001 that were used in the axel assemblies of certain ElDorado buses. According to our records, your bus may contain this potential defect.

Description of Defect. The defect at issue in this recall campaign involves certain model 20-EDL ball socket assemblies manufactured by TRW that were incorporated into axles manufactured by ArvinMeritor in 1999 and 2000. The axle assemblies containing these defective ball socket assemblies were used on the ElDorado buses subject to this recall campaign.

Based on its engineering investigation, ArvinMeritor concluded that the TRW model 20-EDL ball socket assemblies have a less robust bearing design, which leads to higher wear rates and more rapid wear-out than previous TRW designs. This premature wear-out of the ball socket assemblies may result in the separation of the tie-rod assembly which, in turn, could lead to a loss of control of the bus and possible injury or death to the occupants of the bus in the event of such accident.

Remedying of Defect.

The remedy of the defect referred to above will consist of replacing the defective ball socket assemblies. In order to have the defective ball socket assemblies replaced, you need to contact ElDorado at 909/591-9557 and ask for Robert Mendoza. The service department will assist you in arranging to have the remedy performed on your bus. Instructions for remedying the defect will be sent to the facility that will be replacing the defective ball socket assemblies and replacement parts are readily available.

While the time for remedying the defect is expected to take approximately 1 hour for each tie-rod assembly that must be replaced, you may be required to leave your bus for a longer period of time to allow for the scheduling of such remedy.

If the defect referred to above has been repaired on your bus prior to receipt of this recall notification and if you incurred any direct costs in connection with obtaining such repair, you may seek reimbursement from ElDorado by sending your request for reimbursement to ElDorado National (California), Inc., 9670 Galena Street, Riverside, California 92509.

ElDorado has notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of this recall campaign and the procedures involved. However, should ElDorado fail or be unable to correct the defect without charge or within a reasonable time, you may write to Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590 or call the toll free auto safety hotline at 888-327-4236.

Federal regulation requires any lessor receiving this letter to forward it to the lessee within 10 days of receipt.

If you have any questions concerning this recall campaign or need assistance concerning the scheduling of the remedy, please contact Robert Mendoza at ElDorado at 909/591-9557. We are sorry to cause this inconvenience, however, we have taken this action in the interest of your safety and the continued satisfaction with our buses.

Sincerely,

Tony Wayne
Vice President and General Manager