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Re: Update regarding EQ05-001, 04E-052-Detroit Diesel Exhaust Temperature Sensor Installation on New Flyer Vehicles

Dear George,

This letter is written in response to EQ05-001, dated January 19, 2005. EQ05-001 is regarding NHTSA recall 04E-052, which affects Series 50 engines manufactured by Detroit Diesel Corporation (DDC). On these engines, the turbocharger can fail, resulting in lubrication oil entering the exhaust system. Lubricating oil in the exhaust system can result in an engine compartment fire.

Per our written communication, dated January 31, 2005, New Flyer had informed NHTSA that the letter, EQ05-001, received on January 21, 2005 from NHTSA, was the first that New Flyer heard of this DDC Series 50 recall. New Flyer was unaware of a previous DDC notification to New Flyer nor has DDC been able to produce a prior New Flyer notification regarding this recall.

New Flyer and Detroit Diesel have since been diligently working to quickly identify the vehicles affected. The list of New Flyer vehicles has now been determined; 805 New Flyer vehicles are affected by the aforementioned Detroit Diesel recall. Detroit Diesel has confirmed that, according to their records, no New Flyer vehicles have had this temperature sensor campaign completed as of January 24, 2005.

I was in contact with Mrs. Barbara E. Cooke of your staff and she had graciously extended our deadline to February 4, 2005. New Flyer is in agreement with Detroit Diesel that this is a safety recall and New Flyer will file an appropriate '573' report accordingly. Attached, please find the New Flyer '573' report. Detroit Diesel will continue to manage all quarterly reporting.

If you have any further questions feel free to contact me by phone: 204.934.4882, by fax: 204.224.0248, or through email: scott_halbesma@newflyer.com.

Sincerely,

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Safety Defect Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect Report¹

On or about January 21, 2005, New Flyer was contacted by Detroit Diesel Corporation 'DDC' and was informed by DDC that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in items of motor vehicle equipment provided by DDC to New Flyer (NHTSA – ODI recall number 04E-052). New Flyer is therefore furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports of the New Flyer vehicles that will be corrected according to 04E-052.

Date this report was prepared: February 4, 2005

Identify the full corporate name of the manufacturer of the recalled vehicles. If the recalled vehicles are imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

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Identify the corporate official, by name and title, that the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

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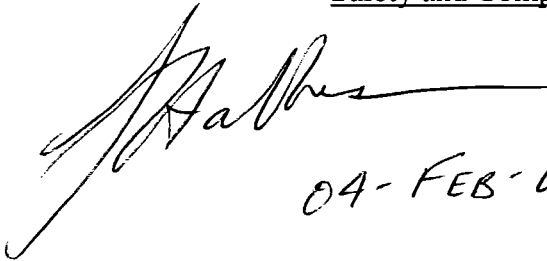
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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

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Safety and Compliance Manager

Signed:


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I. Identify the Recalled Vehicles to Receive the Recalled Items of Equipment

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved:

Make: NF Transit Model: D60LF, D60HF, D40LF, D35LF Model Year: 1998-1999

II. Identifying the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles that will be repaired according to 04E-052.

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 805

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect: 100%

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined:

Refer to 04E-052

III. Describe the Defect

5. Describe the defect.

Refer to 04E-052

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

Refer to 04E-052

V. Identify the Remedy

7. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

Refer to 04E-052

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

Furnish a schedule for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

Refer to 04E-052

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

8. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser:

Refer to 04E-052