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DEFECT INVESTIGATION

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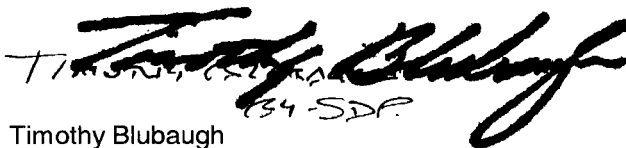
**Re: Defect Information Report – supplemental information  
(FL-459), NHTSA no. 05V-397, Thomas Built Buses Side Emergency Door Exit**

Mr. Smith:

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Freightliner LLC herewith submits supplemental defect information to revise the date communications will be sent to dealers and owners.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

  
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Enclosure

Certified Mail Article Number:

**Section 573.6 Non-Compliance Information Report**  
**FL-459, NHTSA no. 05V-397**  
**Supplement No.: 02**

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**(c) (1) Manufacturer:** FREIGHTLINER LLC  
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**(c)(8) Remedial program:** Repairs will be performed by Thomas Built Buses dealerships and Direct Warranty customers, i.e., customers approved by Thomas to do their own warranty repairs.  
Buses will be modified to relocate the mounting point for the door end of the slide so the latch position does not line up with the door closed. The mounting bracket is relocated on the 30" door and a new bracket is required with the 40" door. Dealers will be notified approximately March 13, 2006.

**(c) (9) Estimated Owner Notification Date:** Customer notification will be by first class mail using Thomas Built Buses records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately March 27, 2006