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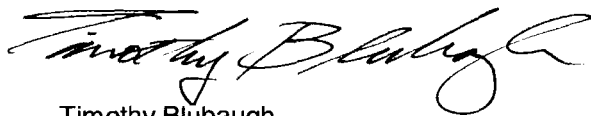
Re: Defect Information Report (FL-456), NHTSA 05V-392

Mr. Medford:

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Freightliner LLC herewith submits supplemental defect information concerning the panel joint strength on Saf-T-Liner C2 School buses.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Timothy Blubaugh

Cc: Michael Mason, CAL-OSHA
DOSH, Legal Unit
10th Floor
455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

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Section 573.6 Non-Compliance Information Report
FL-456, TBB C2 Panel Joint Strength; NHTSA no. 05V-392
Supplement No.: 5

April 11, 2006

(c) (1) Manufacturer: FREIGHTLINER LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
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(c) (3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: 485

(c) (9) Estimated Owner Notification Date: Customer notification by first class mail using Freightliner records was completed April 3, 2006. A copy of the customer letter and work instructions is attached.



A Subsidiary of **FREIGHTLINER**
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April 3, 2006

Recall 05V-392

Dear Thomas Bus Owner,

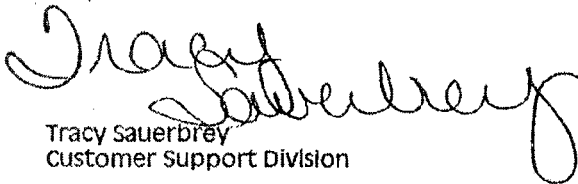
This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Thomas Built Buses, Inc. has decided that certain Saf-t-liner C2 buses manufactured from 2004 through 2005 fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 221, "School Bus Body Joint Strength". Certain joints above the right and left rear side windows may be weak. In the event of a crash, the joints may fail, causing a panel edge to be exposed. Vehicle occupants may be injured should they come in contact with the exposed edge.

The vehicle identified on the enclosed postcard (Form PSD 304) does not comply with FMVSS No. 221. You should immediately contact your Thomas Built Buses dealer for an appointment to have your vehicle modified. Thomas Built Buses will remedy this defect without charge. The remedy will consist of adding a bracket secure with screws and adhesive. It will take approximately .5 hours per unit for repairs. To arrange for repairs, contact your local Thomas Built Buses dealer. After the repair is made, please complete each postage paid card separately and return it to Thomas Built Buses to verify completion.

In addition to being used to verify repair completion, the postcard must be completed and returned if the vehicle does not need repair, if you no longer own the vehicle, or the vehicle identified on the postcard has been exported, stolen, or destroyed/totaled. Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving the recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within 10 days.

If the defect is not remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, which is not longer than 60 days after you tender the vehicle for repair, please contact the Customer Support Office at (336)-889-4871, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern standard time Monday through Friday, e-mail address Tracy.Sauerbrey@Thomasbus.com. You may also submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 7th Street S. W., Washington, DC 20590, or phone 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>. If your vehicle is involved in the Canadian portion, you may notify the Manager, Recall and Public Compliance, Road and Motor Vehicle Traffic Safety Branch, Transport Canada, Ottawa, Ontario or phone (613)-993-9851.

Sincerely,



Tracy Sauerbrey
Customer Support Division

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