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DEFECT INVESTIGATION

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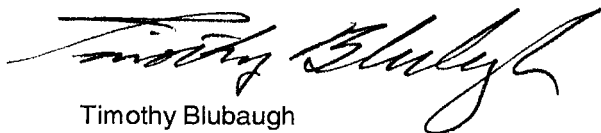
**Re: Defect Information Report – supplemental information
(FL-459), NHTSA no. 05V-397, Thomas Built Buses Side Emergency Door Exit**

Mr. Smith:

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Freightliner LLC herewith submits supplemental defect information and copies of documents to be distributed to dealers and purchasers.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Timothy Blubaugh

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Enclosure

Certified Mail Article Number:



A Subsidiary of **FREIGHTLINER**
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Product Recall

To: ALL DEALERS

From: TRACY SAUERBREY - CUSTOMER SUPPORT DIVISION

Subject: RECALL 05V-397 - SIDE EMERGENCY DOOR EXIT

Date: March 13, 2006

Enclosed are copies of the customer notification letter and the repair procedure for Recall 05V-397. This recall involves certain Thomas Saf-t-liner C2 units manufactured from 2003 through 2005. There is a potential that the side emergency door may not open fully. In such an instance, the door may not open to full capacity for emergency existing.

This is a universal notification sent to all dealers. You may or may not have customers in your area affected by this recall. If owners in your area are subject to this recall, we have enclosed a printout listing those customers' names and addresses. If there is not a printout enclosed according to our records there are no units in your area involved. **If you have a printout and any of the units on it are still in your possession it is your responsibility to ensure the recall is performed before the unit is delivered to the customer.**

The repair will consist of repositioning of the emergency door telescoping slide mount.. The labor allowance for this repair is .5 hours per unit SRT Code 90-53. **You will need to order your repair kit directly from the Parts Distribution Center, kit number: 85490069.**

Thomas Built Buses has elected to notify all customers directly. Your customers will be contacting you to schedule an appointment for repairs. Reimbursement for parts and labor, (if requested) may be obtained by filing a warranty claim.

If you know of any customers who own or operate a Thomas bus in this recall, whose name and address is NOT listed or is INCORRECTLY listed on the enclosed printout, please promptly notify Thomas Built Buses of that additional information in writing. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Tracy

Enclosures: Customer Letter Repair Procedure Printout (if applicable)



Repair Procedure

Instruction Sheet #TBB 85490068

Recall 05V-397

MODEL: C2

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY DOOR TELESOPING, 30" AND 40"

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1. Note and inspect the original position of the telescoping slide. Fig 1 & 2
2. Remove the Telescoping Slide. Discard the screw and nut. Retain the Teflon Washer. **Note: If you have a 40" Door proceed to Step 5.**
3. Drill out the two rivets in the bracket. Relocate .75 toward trim edge. Use bracket to locate and drill a .261-.272 hole. Install Rivet, part #TBB 100434. Fig 3 & 4

2.0" over travel on both side of slide (door closed).

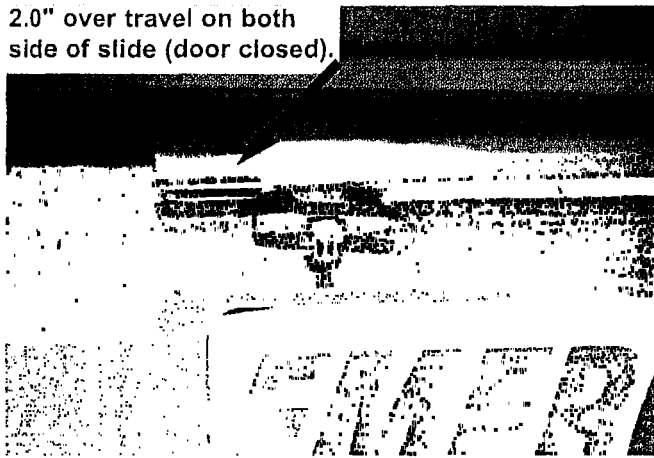


Fig. 1

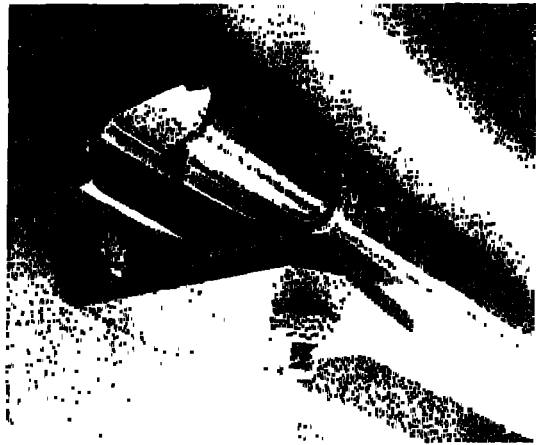


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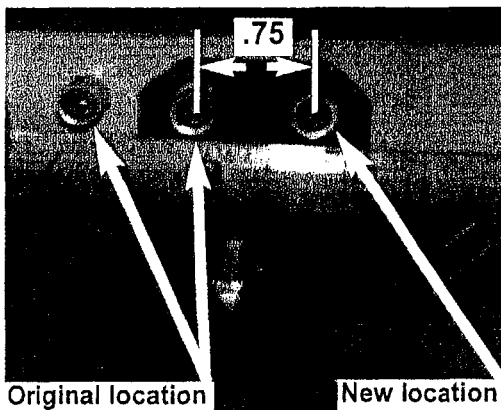


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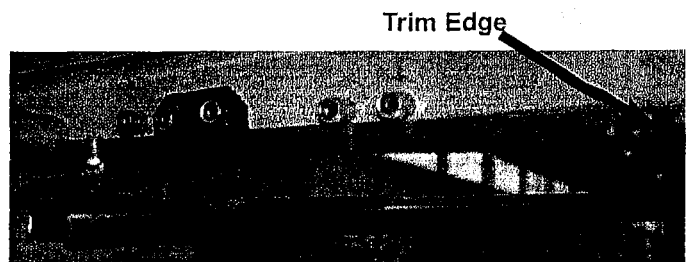


Fig. 4

4. Reinstall the telescoping slide, using new Screw, part #TBB 69002073, Nut, part #TBB 29940013, and original teflon washer. Fig 5 & 6

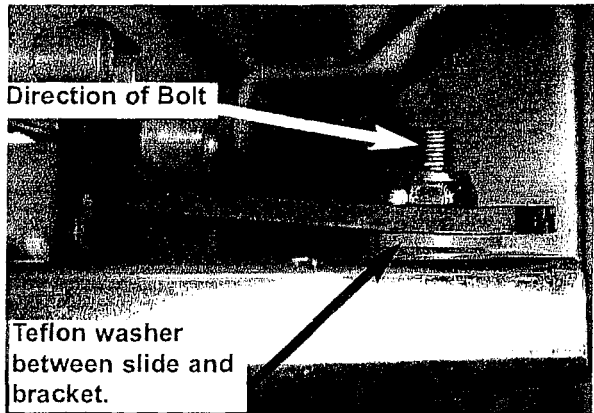


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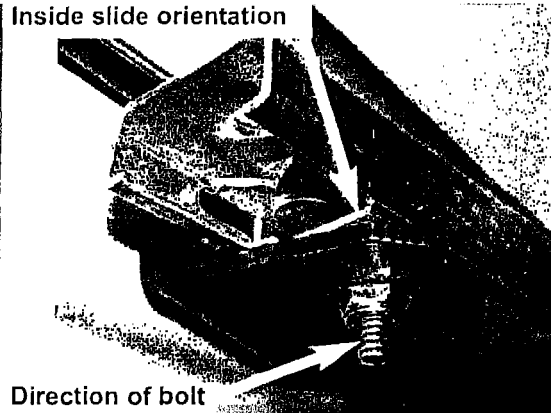
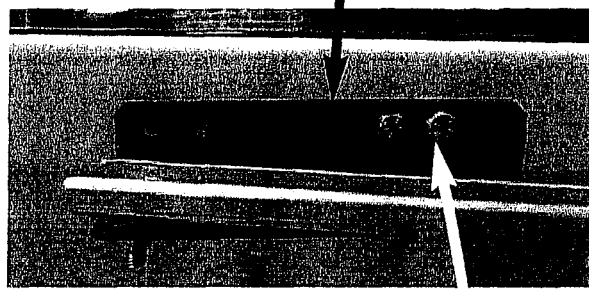


Fig. 6

5. Remove and replace Door Bracket with new Bracket, part #TBB 123796. Fig 7

Bracket part #TBB 123796



Use same screws at location shown.

Fig. 7

6. Reinstall the telescoping slide with the new Screw, part #TBB 69002073, Nut, part #TBB 29940013, and the original teflon washer. Fig. 8 & 9

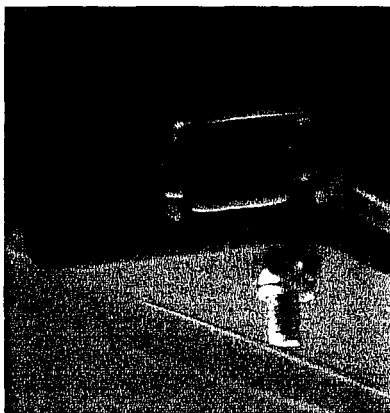


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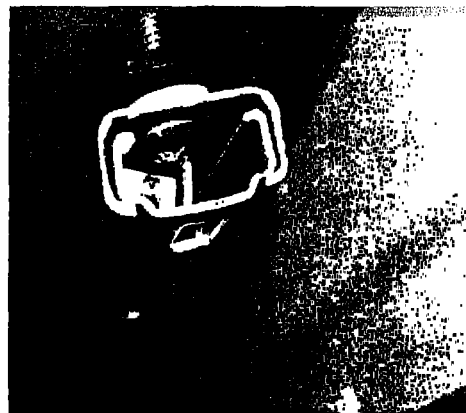


Fig. 9

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

KIT, #TBB 85490069

CONSISTING OF PARTS & QUANTITIES:

TBB 85490068	1	REPAIR PROCEDURE
TBB 69002073	2	SCREWS
TBB 29940013	2	NUT LOCK
TBB 106239	2	HUCK RIVET
TBB 123796	1	DOOR BRACKET