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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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NVS-215
06V-034

KERRY LEGG
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER
NEW FLYER INDUSTRIES LTD
711 KERNAGHAN AVENUE
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA R2C 3T4

Subject: WHEELCHAIR RAMP HINGE ASSEMBLY

Dear MR. LEGG:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

NEW FLYER/C30LF/2004-2005
NEW FLYER/C35LF/2004-2005
NEW FLYER/C40LF/2004-2005
NEW FLYER/D30LF/2004-2005
NEW FLYER/D35LF/2004-2005
NEW FLYER/D40LF/2004-2005
NEW FLYER/D60LF/2004-2005
NEW FLYER/DE60LF/2004-2005
NEW FLYER/GE40LF/2004-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-034

Mfg's Report Date: February 6, 2006

Components: EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 682

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRANSIT BUSES, THE SPOT WELDS WHICH HOLD THE WHEELCHAIR RAMP HINGE ASSEMBLY TOGETHER CAN FAIL ALLOWING THE RAMP TO SEPARATE, WHEN DEPLOYED UNDER LOAD, FROM THE BUS FRAME.

Consequence:

SEPARATION OF THE RAMP FROM THE VEHICLE COULD RESULT IN INJURY TO PASSENGERS ON THE RAMP.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL ADD NEW HARDWARE TO THE HINGES WHICH WILL MAKE THE SPOT-WELDING REDUNDANT. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 15, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NEW FLYER AT 1-204-934-4874.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to dealers and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

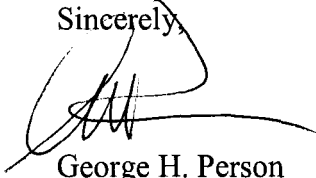
Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin on February 15, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before April 30, 2006.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement