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OFFICE OF DEFECTS
INVESTIGATION

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 a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exist in certain Thomas Built Minotour, FS65, MVP-EF and HDX buses manufactured from June 2005 through July 2005 as identified on the enclosed postcard (Form PSD 304).

There is a potential that the lift arm mechanism may twist during stowage, preventing closure of the safety interlock switches. In such an instance, it may not be possible to close the lift door causing the vehicle interlocks to remain engaged, preventing movement of the vehicle or the ability to load or unload passengers with disabilities.

You should immediately contact your Thomas Built Buses dealer for an appointment to have your vehicle modified. Ricon will remedy this defect without charge. The remedy will consist of replacing the lift arms. It will take approximately 1 hour per lift 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 you have had your vehicle repaired due to this defect prior to receipt of this notice and you have incurred any costs, you may be eligible for reimbursement. For further information, 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.

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, also please contact the Customer Support Office at (336)-889-4871. 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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Enclosures

Postcard