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June 30, 2006

Recall 06V-151

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 2004 through 2007 Thomas Built Minotour school and commercial buses manufactured from July 1, 2005, through February 16, 2006, fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 403, "Platform Lift System for Motor Vehicles". The affected vehicles are identified on the enclosed postcard (Form PSD 304).

The floor structure for the wheelchair lift does not meet the strength requirements for a platform lift system for motor vehicles. The wheelchair lift may become unstable during operation and cause injury to passengers or bystanders.

You should immediately contact your Thomas Built Buses dealer for an appointment to have your vehicle modified. Thomas will remedy this defect without charge. The remedy will consist of adding a reinforcement. It will take approximately 1 hour 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 you have had your vehicle repaired due to this noncompliance 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 noncompliance 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 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

Enclosures Postcard



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**ORDER FORM – REPAIR KIT FOR:
RECALL 06V-151 – Braun Lift Floor Reinforcement
FAX TO 1-336-889-5742 ATTN: Tracy Sauerbrey
Kit Number: 85490075**

DATE FAXED: _____

DEALER NAME: _____

DEALER SIGNATURE: _____

CUSTOMER NAME: _____

SHIP PARTS TO THIS ADDRESS: _____

(NO PO BOXES)

BODY #S

(If more space is needed for body numbers you may attach a list)

**NOTE: NO ORDERS WILL BE PROCESSED WITHOUT
COMPLETE SHIPPING ADDRESS AND BODY NOS.**

DATE SHIPPED: _____