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Recall 08V-269

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. SAF Holland, Inc. has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on certain HDX units manufactured July 1, 2007 through October 9, 2007. These units are identified on the enclosed postcard (Form PSD 304).

The defect involves the transverse beam weld. The transverse beam weld may be improperly located on SAF Holland ADL and ADLSD suspensions allowing the transverse beam to separate from the suspension casting. If the transverse beam becomes separated from the casting, vehicle stability while cornering could be affected resulting in loss of vehicle control.

You should immediately contact your Thomas Built Buses dealer for an appointment to have your vehicle modified. Thomas will remedy this non conformance without charge. The remedy will consist of inspection to ensure proper placement of weld. If improper location of weld is found the components will be replaced. It will take approximately .3 for inspection and an additional __ hours for replacement if needed. 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) 822-2871, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern standard time Monday through Friday. To find a dealer in your area please go to www.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, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC 20590, or phone the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 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
Warranty/Recall Department

Enclosure