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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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COMPLIANCE AND SAFETY OFFICER
DAIMLERCHRYSLER COMMERCIAL BUSES NA
350 HAZELHURST ROAD
MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, CANADA 00 L5J 4T8

NVS-215paw
07V-024

Subject: WHEELCHAIR LIFTSILIFT-U

Dear MR. LABOIVTE:

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:

ORION/I/1987-1993
ORION/V/1990-1998

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-024

Mfg's Report Date: January 26, 2007

Components: EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,637

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRANSIT BUSES EQUIPPED WITH LIFT-U WHEELCHAIR LIFTS, IT IS POSSIBLE FOR A PERSON TO WEDGE THEIR FEET UNDER THE SOLID BAR BARRIER LINKAGE.

Consequence:

WHILE SITTING IN A WHEELCHAIR, A PERSON WITH NO SHOES AND WHO DOES NOT HAVE CONTROL OF THEIR FEET COULD TWIST THEIR FEET AND GET THEM FORCED UNDER THE LINKAGE WHICH COULD RESULT IN AN INJURY.

Remedy:

LIFT-U IS CONDUCTING THIS RECALL (PLEASE SEE 06E-093). OWNERS WILL RECEIVE A FREE REPAIR KIT ALONG WITH INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT LIFT-U AT 209-838-2400 OR ORION BUS AT 905-403-7807.

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).

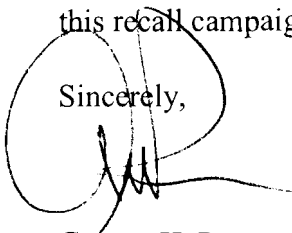
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 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).

As stated in your report, Lift-U will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Lift-U's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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@dot.gov or delia.lopez@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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