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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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106 NATIONAL DRIVE
ANNISTON AL 36207

NVS-215
07V-172

Subject: WHEELCHAIR LIFTS

Dear MR. JOHNSON:

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:

NABI/416/1993-1996
NABI/436/1993-1996

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-172

Mfg's Report Date: April 16, 2007

Components: EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 846

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 WHEEL CHAIR, A PERSON WITH NO SHOES 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. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING APRIL 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT LIFT-U AT 209-838-2400 OR NABI AT 256-831-4296.

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).

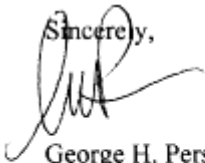
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. 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).

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 during April 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before July 30, 2007.

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