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07V-212

Subject: EXTERNAL WARNING LIGHTS MALFUNCTION

Dear MR. ZAMANI:

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:

THOMAS BUILT BUSES/SAF-T-LINER C2/2005-2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-212

Mfg's Report Date: May 18, 2007

Components: EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 11,359

Summary:

CERTAIN 2005 THROUGH 2008 THOMAS BUILT SAF-T-LINER C2 SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM DECEMBER 1, 2003, TO MAY 18, 2007. THE EXTERNAL WARNING LIGHTS MAY STOP FUNCTIONING UNEXPECTEDLY IF THE FRONT ENTRANCE DOOR CLOSSES WITHOUT THE DRIVER'S INPUT.

Consequence:

FAILURE OF THE EXTERNAL WARNING LIGHTS TO REMAIN ON DURING THE LOADING OR UNLOADING PROCESS COULD POSSIBLY RESULT IN A STUDENT BEING STRUCK BY A PASSING MOTORIST WHILE BOARDING OR EXITING THE BUS.

Remedy:

FREIGHTLINER WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIR THE BUSES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON JULY 16, 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT THOMAS BUILT AT 336-889-4871 OR CONTACT FREIGHTLINER AT 800-547-0712.

Notes:

FREIGHTLINER RECALL NO. FL-496. CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

This recall is the result of an investigation, PE07-012, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

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).

Please provide a copy of PSB C2-2-12 to this office for our review and consideration.

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, the recall is expected to begin on July 16, 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.