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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
07V-234

Subject: RIGHT FRONT HYDRAULIC BRAKE LINE

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/FS-65/2006-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-234

Mfg's Report Date: May 22, 2007

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 431

Summary:

CERTAIN MY 2006 AND 2007 FREIGHTLINER FS-65 SCHOOL AND SHUTTLE BUS CHASSIS EQUIPPED WITH CATERPILLAR C7 ENGINES AND HYDRAULIC BRAKE LINE P/NO A12-21572-000. THE FRONT BRAKE LINES MAY HAVE BEEN IMPROPERLY SECURED ALLOWING THE BRAKE LINE TO CONTACT THE ENGINE COOLANT PLUMBING COMPONENTS.

Consequence:

THIS COULD CAUSE A LOSS OF BRAKE FLUID AND REDUCED BRAKE PERFORMANCE POTENTIALLY RESULTING IN A VEHICLE CRASH WITHOUT WARNING.

Remedy:

FREIGHTLINER WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIR THE BUSES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON JULY 20, 2007. OWNERS CAN CONTACT THOMAS BUILT AT 336-889-4871 OR CONTACT FREIGHTLINER AT 800-547-0712.

Notes:

FREIGHTLINER RECALL NO. FL-497. 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).

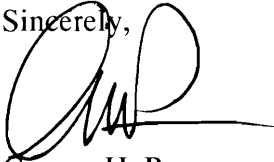
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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, the recall is expected to begin on July 20, 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KELLY.SCHULER@DOT.GOV. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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