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**National Highway  
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Administration**

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NVS-215kjs  
07V-250

Subject: FMVSS 301/FUEL FILL TUBE

Dear MR. ZAMANI:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent noncompliance 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 C2/2005-2007

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 07V-250

**Mfg's Report Date:** June 8, 2007

**Components:** FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER:DELIVERY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 6,880

**Summary:**

CERTAIN MY 2005-2007 THOMAS BUILT SAF-T-LINER C2 SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN DECEMBER 1, 2003, AND OCTOBER 10, 2006. FASTENERS USED TO SECURE THE FUEL TUBE MOUNTING BRACKET TO THE BUS FLOOR MAY BE MISSING OR IMPROPERLY INSTALLED. VEHICLES WITH MISSING OR IMPROPERLY INSTALLED FUEL FILL TUBE MOUNTING BRACKET FASTENERS DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 301, "FUEL SYSTEM INTEGRITY."

**Consequence:**

THIS COULD RESULT IN FUEL SPILLAGE DURING OR AFTER A VEHICLE CRASH POSSIBLY RESULTING IN A FIRE.

**Remedy:**

FREIGHTLINER WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIR THE BUSES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON AUGUST 3, 2007. OWNERS CAN CONTACT THOMAS BUILT AT 336-889-4871 OR CONTACT FREIGHTLINER AT 800-547-0712.

**Notes:**

FREIGHTLINER RECALL NO. FL-498. 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, PE-301-070328, conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

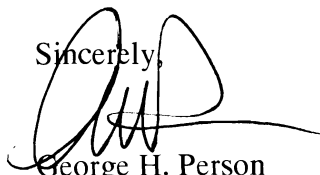
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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. 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](mailto: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