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07V-142



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Dan Smith
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**Re: Defect Information Report 07V-142, FL-495, Supplemental Information;
Thomas Built School Bus Seat Belt Installations**

Mr. Smith:

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Freightliner LLC herewith submits this information to revise a safety campaign to recall Thomas Built Buses manufactured with a defect in the seat belt retainer. With reference to other communications with NHTSA, this campaign is being revised to include only school buses with 10,000 lbs. or less GVWR with seat belts required by FMVSS 222. The buses with greater than 10,000 lbs GVWR with optional passenger seat belts will be addressed with a Safety Improvement Campaign.

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:

Model(s) affected: Minotour

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Approximately 1,014 with 10,000 lbs. GVWR or less and seat belts required by FMVSS 222.

(c) (10) Communications sent to dealers: to be posted September 7, 2007
Communications sent to owners: to be mailed September 7, 2007

Draft owner notification letters are included.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nasser Zamani".

Nasser Zamani
Cc: Michael Mason, CAL-OSHA
Enclosure
Certified Mail:

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