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June 21, 2007

Dan Smith  
Associate Administrator for Vehicle Safety  
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Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Defect Information Report (FL-490), NHTSA 07V-040, Supplemental Report No.: 1  
Plastic Zip Ties Found on Wheel chair Interlock Switches**

Mr. Smith:

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Freightliner LLC herewith submits supplemental defect information.

**(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: 398**

**(c) (10) Communications sent to dealers (attached): posted May 14, 2007**  
**Communications sent to owners (attached): mailed May 21, 2007**

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

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LLC

May 21, 2007

Recall 07V-040

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Thomas Built Buses, Inc. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on certain Minotour school buses manufactured between July 1, 2005 and November 1, 2006. These units are identified on the enclosed postcard (Form PSD 304).

The defect involves the interlock switch for the wheelchair lifts. Plastic zip ties have been found around the wheelchair lift interlock switches. The zip tie may prevent the switch from operating, defeating the interlock function. Defeating the wheelchair lift interlock switch allows the bus to be driven with the lift still deployed. Moving the vehicle with the lift deployed could cause injury to bystanders or a crash.

You should immediately contact your Thomas Built Buses dealer for an appointment to have your vehicle modified. Thomas will remedy this defect without charge. The remedy will consist of inspection for the zip ties on the switches and removal. It will take approximately .1 hour per unit for repairs. To arrange for repairs, contact your local Thomas Built Buses dealer. After the repair is made, please complete each postage paid card separately and return it to Thomas Built Buses to verify completion.

In addition to being used to verify repair completion, the postcard must be completed and returned if the vehicle does not need repair, if you no longer own the vehicle, or the vehicle identified on the postcard has been exported, stolen, or destroyed/totaled. Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving the recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within 10 days.

If you have had your vehicle repaired due to this defect prior to receipt of this notice and you have incurred any costs, you may be eligible for reimbursement. For further information, please contact the Customer Support office at (336) 822-2871, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern standard time Monday through Friday, e-mail Tracy.Sauerbrey@thomasbus.com.

If the defect is not remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, which is not longer than 60 days after you tender the vehicle for repair, also please contact the Customer Support Office at (336)-822-2871. You may also submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 7<sup>th</sup> Street S. W., Washington, DC 20590, or phone the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>. If your vehicle is involved in the Canadian portion, you may notify the Manager, Recall and Public Compliance, Road and Motor Vehicle Traffic Safety Branch, Transport Canada, Ottawa, Ontario or phone (613)-993-9851.

Sincerely,

Tracy Sauerbrey  
Warranty/Recall Department

Enclosure

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## Product Recall

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To: ALL DEALERS

From: TRACY SAUERBREY – WARRANTY/RECALL DEPARTMENT

Subject: RECALL 07V-040 – Wheelchair Lift Interlock Switch (Zip Tie)

Date: May 14, 2007

Enclosed are copies of the customer notification letter and the repair procedure for Recall 07V-040. This recall involves certain Minotour school buses manufactured between July 1, 2005 and November 1, 2006. The defect involves the interlock switch for the wheelchair lifts. Plastic zip ties have been found around the wheelchair lift interlock switches. The zip tie may prevent the switch from operating, defeating the interlock function.

This is a universal notification sent to all dealers. You may or may not have customers in your area affected by this recall. If owners in your area are subject to this recall, we have enclosed a printout listing those customers' names and addresses. If there is not a printout enclosed according to our records there are no units in your area involved. **If you have a printout and any of the units on it are still in your possession it is your responsibility to ensure the recall is performed before the unit is delivered to the customer.**

The remedy will consist of inspection for the zip ties on the switches and removal. The labor allowance for this remedy is .1 per unit. (SRT code 90-63). **There is not a repair kit for this recall.**

Thomas Built Buses has elected to notify all customers directly. Your customers will be contacting you to schedule an appointment for repairs. Reimbursement for labor, (if requested) may be obtained by filing a warranty claim.

If you know of any customers who own or operate a Thomas bus in this recall, whose name and address is NOT listed or is INCORRECTLY listed on the enclosed printout, please promptly notify Thomas Built Buses of that additional information in writing. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Tracy

Enclosures: Customer Letter Repair Procedure Printout (if applicable)



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## Repair Procedure

Instruction Sheet #  
Recall #07V-040

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**Model:** Minotour

**Subject:** Wheelchair Lift Interlock Switch (Zip Tie)

**Read the entire procedure before beginning.**

1. Place vehicle on level surface, apply park brake, and chock the wheels.
2. Open the wheelchair lift door completely. Verify that the Lift Door Switch is completely deployed and there is no Zip Tie present.  
Figure 1
3. If Zip Tie is present, remove and discard it.
4. Close Lift Door. Remove wheel chocks. Return unit to service.

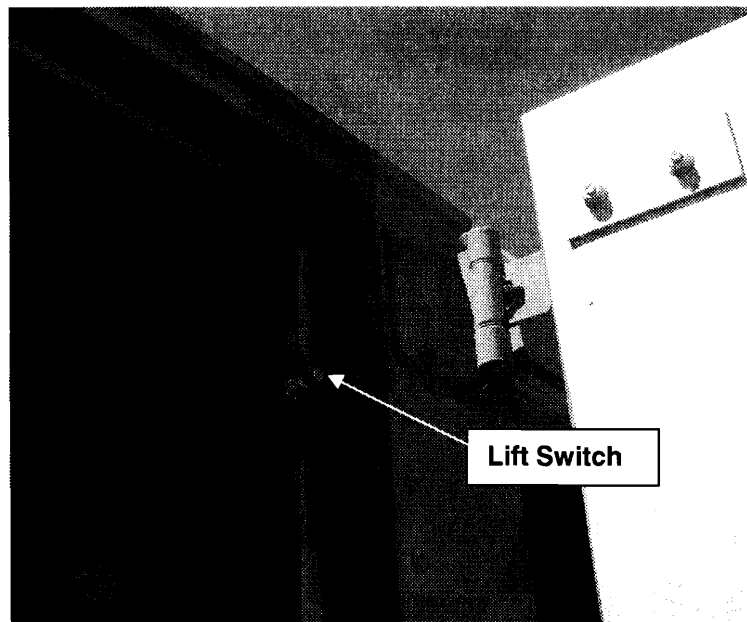


Figure 1