



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215paw
08V-008

Subject: AIR DRYER MALFUNCTIONS/GRAHAM WHITE

Dear MR. KOSKE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Gillig Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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:

GILLIG/LOW FLOOR/2006-2007

GILLIG/PHANTOM/2006-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-008

Mfg's Report Date: December 21, 2007

Components: SERVICE BRAKES: AIR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 294

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRANSIT BUSES EQUIPPED WITH GRAHAM-WHITE AIR DRYERS, THE AIR DRYER TIMER MODULES MAY ALLOW SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF MOISTURE TO ENTER AND AFFECT THE OPERATION OF THE VEHICLE AIR BRAKE SYSTEM.

Consequence:

FAILURE OF THE AIR BRAKE SYSTEM DUE TO MOISTURE COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

GILLIG, IN CONJUNCTION WITH GRAHAM-WHITE, WILL REPLACE THE AIR DRYER TIMER MODULE ON THE AFFECTED VEHICLES. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT GILLIG AT 1-510-785-1500 OR GRAHAM-WHITE AT 540-387-5620.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to dealers and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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 the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at Patricia.wallace@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement