



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NEW FLYER INDUSTRIES  
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R2J 4G5 CANADA

NVS-215paw  
08V-053

SUBJECT: ROOFTOP AIRCONDITIONER EVAPORATOR DRAIN LINES/FIRE

DEAR MR. LEGG:

This letter serves to acknowledge New Flyer Industries' 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:**

NEW FLYER/D60HF/1996-2001

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 08V-053

**Mfg's Report Date:** January 28, 2008

**Components:** EQUIPMENT: ELECTRICAL: AIR CONDITIONER

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 431

**Summary:**

NEW FLYER IS RECALLING 431 MY 1996-2001 D60HF DIESEL TRANSIT BUSES EQUIPPED WITH A ROOFTOP AIR CONDITIONING EVAPORATOR. THE EVAPORATOR DRAIN LINES MAKE CONTACT WITH COMPONENTS (BALLAST ASSEMBLIES) WITHIN THE INTERIOR LIGHTING PANEL BELOW THE DRAIN LINE PORT. THIS CAN RESULT IN EITHER DAMAGE TO THE DRAIN LINE, WHICH INTRODUCES MOISTURE INTO THE LIGHTING PANEL, OR RESTRICTION OF THE LINE WHICH RESULTS IN A BACK-UP AND OVERFLOW OF MOISTURE THROUGH THE FRESH AIR RETURN VENT AND BACK INTO THE LIGHTING PANEL.

**Consequence:**

MOISTURE IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES WITHIN THE LIGHTING PANEL MAY RESULT IN A SHORTING OF THE ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS AND A VEHICLE FIRE.

**Remedy:**

NEW FLYER WILL INCORPORATE AN ELBOW FITTING INTO THE DRAIN LINE WHERE IT ENTERS THE LIGHTING PANEL FROM THE ROOF, WHICH WILL PROMOTE CLEARANCE BETWEEN THE LINE AND THE BALLAST ASSEMBLY. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING FEBRUARY 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NEW FLYER AT 1-204-934-4803.

**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).

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE07-053, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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

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 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](mailto:Patricia.wallace@dot.gov), [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@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", written in a cursive style.

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