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Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

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2008 JAN. - 28 AM 8:30
DEFECTS INVESTIGATION
RECALL MGMT DIV.

Re: Eldorado National - Kansas
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

Eldorado National - Kansas has been notified by Link concerning a safety defect present in suspension axle brackets built between 2005 and 2007 inclusive. Link has already initiated a safety recall campaign with respect to this non-compliance. NHTSA has assigned recall number 07E-086 to the Link recall campaign.

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, we are hereby notifying the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that certain buses manufactured by Eldorado National - Kansas were built with Link suspension brackets that contain the defect.

As more specifically set forth below, Link has agreed to conduct the recall campaign involving these defective suspension brackets. Eldorado National - Kansas will provide Link with a list of dealers and owners to assist Link in remedying the defect. Link will be filing the quarterly reports in connection with the recall campaign.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The defective suspension brackets supplied by Link have been used on the following buses:

<u>Model</u>	<u>Model Years</u>
Aero Elite (Chevy 5500)	2006, 2007, 2008

The total number of buses subject to this recall campaign is 14.

- B. Description of Defect. The axle side lateral control rod bracket of the suspension has cracked in some cases. The crack could result in a failure of the bracket resulting in loss of vehicle control.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Eldorado National - Kansas received a letter from Link that the defect in the suspension existed.

- D. Remedying of Defect. As set forth in the notification issued by Link in connection with recall campaign 07E-086, Link will correct the suspensions if found to be defective. The owners of the buses subject to this recall campaign will be advised to contact Link in order to make arrangements to have the remedy completed by Link. Link will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 07E-086. Link has agreed to remedy the defect without charge to the owners.
- E. Owner Notifications. Link will notify the owner's of the buses. Eldorado National - Kansas will provide all owner and dealer information to Link to aide in the recall process.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Link will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 07E-086. Because the information included by Link in its quarterly reports will encompass the remedying of the Eldorado National - Kansas buses subject to this recall campaign, Eldorado National - Kansas will not file quarterly reports to avoid duplication.
- G. Campaign Number. Eldorado National - Kansas does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. Eldorado National - Kansas will use the recall campaign number assigned by NHTSA.

The enclosed information should comply with the NHTSA regulations and satisfy the obligations of Eldorado National - Kansas with respect to this recall campaign. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of Eldorado National - Kansas in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact me at 937-596-6849, Ext. 7363.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries
Standards Compliance Manager