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**VIA E-MAIL
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(2 Pages)

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

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

Dear Mr. Smith:

Eldorado National - Kansas has been notified by Braun concerning a safety non-compliance with FMVSS 403 involving wheel chair lift products built between July 6, 2005 and July 19, 2006 inclusive. Braun has already initiated a safety recall campaign with respect to this non-compliance. NHTSA has assigned recall number 06E-094 to the Braun 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 Braun wheel chair lifts that contain the non-compliance.

As more specifically set forth below, Braun has agreed to conduct the recall campaign involving these non-compliant wheel chair lifts. Eldorado National - Kansas will provide Braun with a list of dealers and owners to assist Braun in remedying the non-compliance. Braun will be filing the quarterly reports in connection with the recall campaign.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The non-compliant wheel chair lifts supplied by Braun have been used on the following buses:

<u>Model</u>	<u>Model Years</u>
Aero Elite	2006, 2007
Aerotech	2006, 2007
Aerolite	2006, 2007
Transtech	2006, 2007

These buses were manufactured by Eldorado National - Kansas between July 2006 and October 2007. The total number of buses subject to this recall campaign is 210.

- B. Description of Defect. The threshold warning systems of the wheelchair lifts do not conform to the threshold warning signal requirements of FMVSS 403 S6.1.3. No accidents have been reported as a result of this condition to date.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Eldorado National - Kansas received notification from Braun on November 16, 2007 that the non-compliance with the wheel chair lifts exists.
- D. Remedying of Defect. As set forth in the notification issued by Braun in connection with recall campaign 06E-094, Braun will correct the wheel chair lift if found to be non-compliant. The owners of the buses subject to this recall campaign will be advised to contact Braun in order to make arrangements to have the remedy completed by Braun. Braun will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 06E-094. Braun has agreed to remedy the defect without charge to the owners.
- E. Owner Notifications. Braun will notify the owner's of the buses non behalf of Champion. A copy of the owner's notification letter is attached.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Braun will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 06E-094. Because the information included by Braun 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