



November 26, 2008

Recall 08V-430

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. This recall involves certain FS65, MVP-EF, Minotour and HDX model school buses manufactured between April 1, 2005 and November 9, 2007. Ricon has determined that these units may not conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 403, "Platform Lift Systems for Motor Vehicles". These units are identified on the enclosed postcard (Form PSD 304).

The non-conformity involves the threshold warning system. The threshold warning system may not detect the presence of a wheelchair or mobility aid user in a certain spot within the defined threshold area. In the event this condition occurs during passenger operations the wheelchair or mobility aid user may move toward the vehicle lift door when the lift platform is below floor level. This situation could cause personal injury.

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 replacing the threshold warning system metal covers and optical sensors mounting retainers. The repair will take approximately .4 hours. 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) 889-4871, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern standard time Monday through Friday. To find a dealer in your area please go to www.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)-889-4871. You may also submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., 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