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**Re: Defect Information Report – Supplemental Report No. 1
08V-321, FL-533, Maxon Wheelchair Lift**

Mr. Smith

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith submits supplemental defect information and copies of documents to distributed to dealers and purchasers.

- (c)(3) **Total number of vehicles potentially affected: 5**
- (c) (8)(ii) **Communications sent to dealers:** mailed August 19, 2008
Communications sent to owners: mailed August 27, 2008
- (c) (10) **Copies of Communications sent to owners and dealers are attached.**

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Nasser Zamani

Cc: Michael Mason, CAL-OSHA
Enclosure
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Product Recall

To: ALL DEALERS

From: TRACY SAUERBREY – WARRANTY/RECALL DEPARTMENT

Subject: RECALL 08V-231 – Maxon Wheelchair Lift

Date: August 19, 2008

Enclosed are copies of the customer notification letter and the repair procedure for Recall 08V-231. This recall involves certain Minotour and FS-65 models manufactured between June 1, 2006 and June 8, 2006. The non-conformity involves the WL-7 which included seat belts with electronic features that do not allow the unit to start a function including travel up and down without the seat belt fastened. This non-conformity may result in an accidental fall from up to approximately 48" if the outboard roll stop fails. As a result, serious personnel injuries and/or equipment damage may occur.

This is a universal notification sent to all dealers. You may or may not have customers in your area affected by this recall. If owners in your area are subject to this recall, we have enclosed a printout listing those customers' names and addresses. If there is not a printout enclosed according to our records there are no units in your area involved. **If you have a printout and any of the units on it are still in your possession it is your responsibility to ensure the recall is performed before the unit is delivered to the customer.**

The remedy will consist of installing seat belts and the associated electronic features. The labor allowance is 1.5 hour per lift. (SRT code 90-78). You will need to contact Ramon Elizarras or George Gallardo with Maxon Technical Service at 800-227-4116 referring to Safety Recall No. 06E-079. Maxon will ship a no charge recall kit.

Thomas Built Buses has elected to notify all customers directly. Your customers will be contacting you to schedule an appointment for repairs. Reimbursement for parts and labor, (if requested) may be obtained by filing a warranty claim.

If you know of any customers who own or operate a Thomas bus in this recall, whose name and address is NOT listed or is INCORRECTLY listed on the enclosed printout, please promptly notify Thomas Built Buses of that additional information in writing. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tracy".

Tracy

Enclosures: Customer Letter Repair Procedure Printout (if applicable)



August 27, 2008

Recall 08V-231

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. This recall involves certain Minotour and FS-65 models; manufactured between June 1, 2006 and June 8, 2006. The Maxon Lift Corporation 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 WL-7 which included seat belts with electronic features that do not allow the unit to start a function including travel up and down without the seat belt fastened. This non-conformity may result in an accidental fall from up to approximately 48" if the outboard roll stop fails. As a result, serious personnel injuries and/or equipment damage may occur.

You should immediately contact your Thomas Built Buses dealer for an appointment to have your vehicle modified. Thomas will remedy this non conformance without charge. The remedy will consist of installing seat belts and the associated electronic features. It will take approximately 1.5 hours to update each lift. 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) 822-2871, 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.

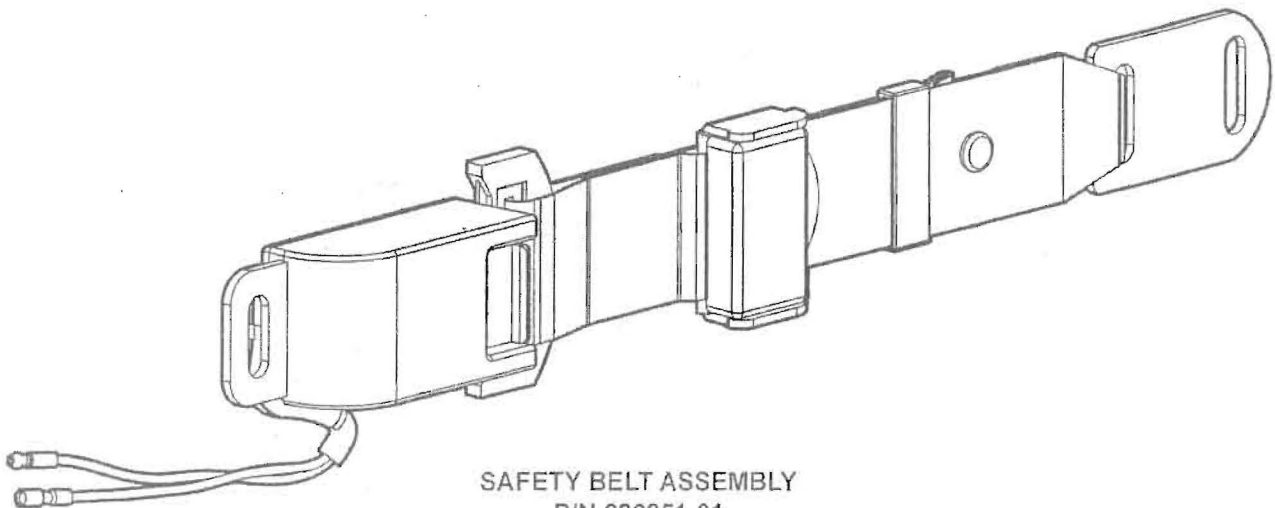
If the defect is not remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, which is not longer than 60 days after you tender the vehicle for repair, also please contact the Customer Support Office at (336)-889-4871. You may also submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety 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,

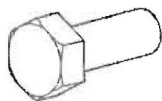

Tracy Sauerbrey
Warranty/Recall Department

Enclosure

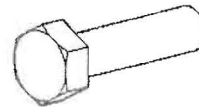
**INSTRUCTION, SAFETY BELT INSTALLATION KIT
(WL7A)
P/N 267492-01**



SAFETY BELT ASSEMBLY
P/N 266851-01
QTY. 1



CAP SCREW,
5/16"-18 X 3/4" LG, GRADE 8
P/N 900009-3
QTY. 3



CAP SCREW,
5/16"-18 X 1-1/4" LG, GRADE 8
P/N 900009-5
QTY. 1



LOCK NUT, 5/16"-18
P/N 901001
QTY. 4

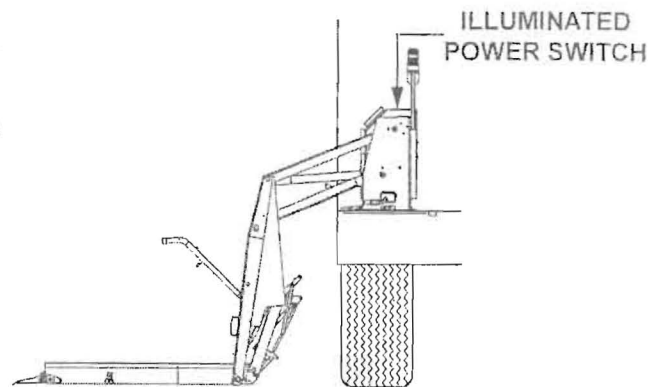


HEX NUT, 5/16"-18
P/N 901011-3
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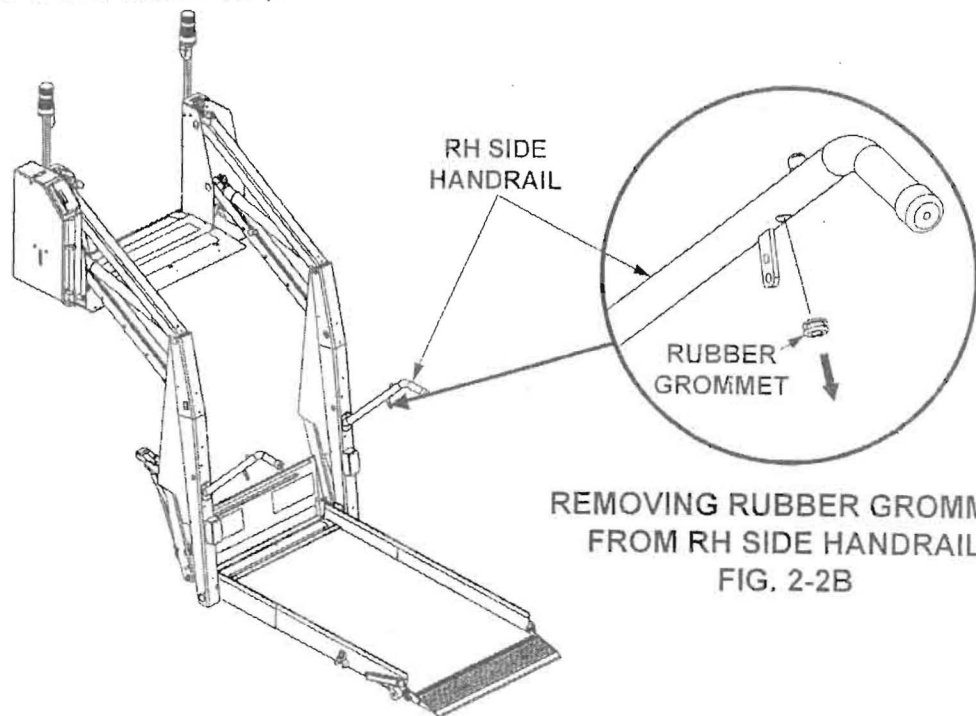
FLAT WASHER, 5/16"
P/N 902000-7
QTY. 4

1. See the WL7 Operation Manual (MP-05-11) for operating instructions. Then apply power to the Lift by turning **ON** the switch on the Pump Cover (MP-05-11). Next **UNFOLD** the Lift and lower the Platform to ground level (FIG. 2-1). Remove power from the Lift by turning **OFF** the switch on the Pump Cover (MP-05-11).



PLATFORM AT GROUND LEVEL
FIG. 2-1

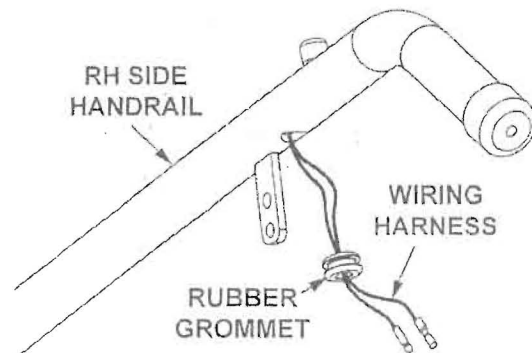
2. Remove rubber grommet from Right Hand RH side Handrail (FIGS. 2-2A and 2-2B).



REMOVING RUBBER GROMMET
FROM RH SIDE HANDRAIL
FIG. 2-2B

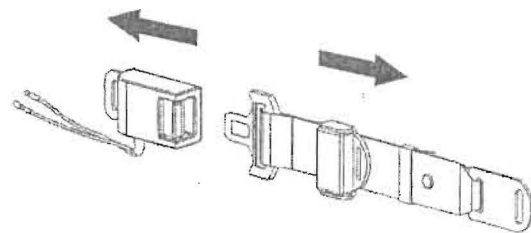
FIG. 2-2A

3. Fish the wiring harness from the RH side Handrail (**FIG. 3-1**) and then feed it through the Rubber Grommet. Reinstall the Rubber Grommet.



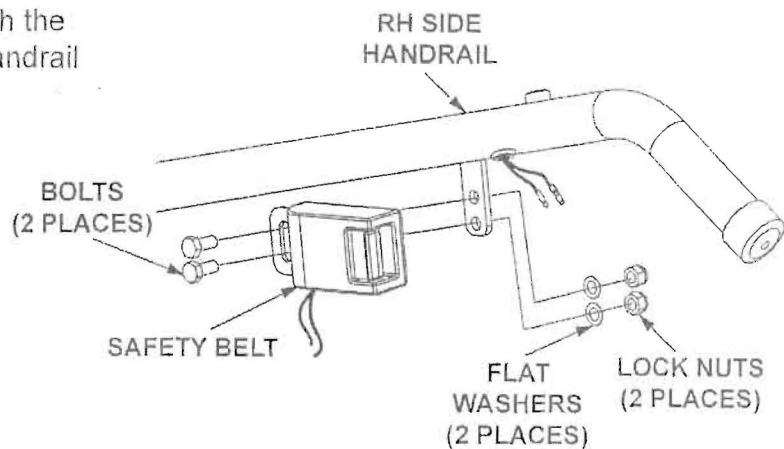
**FISHING WIRING HARNESS
FROM RH SIDE HANDRAIL
FIG. 3-1**

4. Unbuckle the Safety Belt (Kit item) (**FIG. 3-2**).



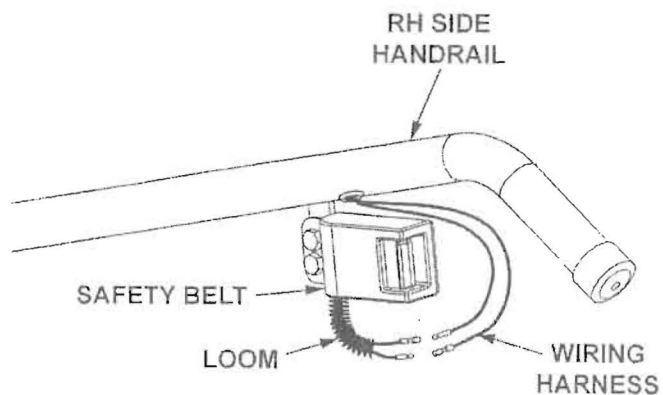
**UNBUCKLING SAFETY BELT
FIG. 3-2**

5. Bolt the part of the Safety Belt, with the electrical wiring, to the RH side Handrail (**FIG. 3-3**).



**BOLTING SAFETY BELT TO
RH SIDE HANDRAIL
FIG. 3-3**

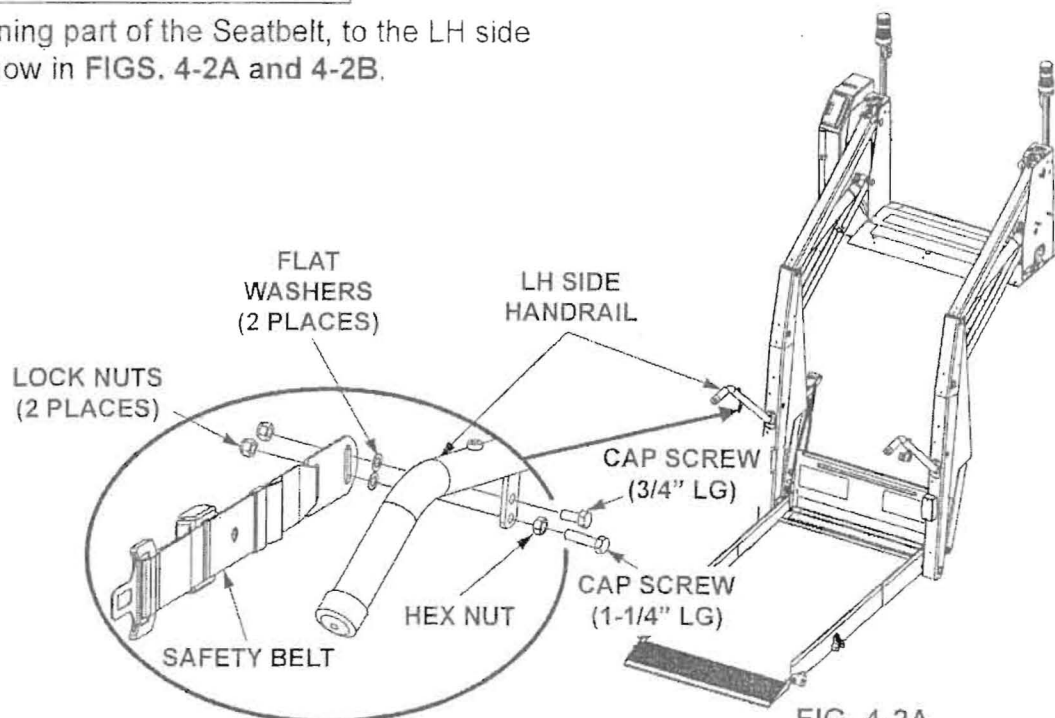
6. Connect the Safety Belt wiring harness to the Handrail wiring harness. Feed the extra wiring back in the Handrail until the loom reaches the grommet. (FIG. 4-1).



CONNECTING SAFETY BELT WIRING HARNESS
TO HANDRAIL WIRING HARNESS
FIG. 4-1

NOTE: The 1-1/4" long cap screw goes in the bottom hole on the Handrail bracket.

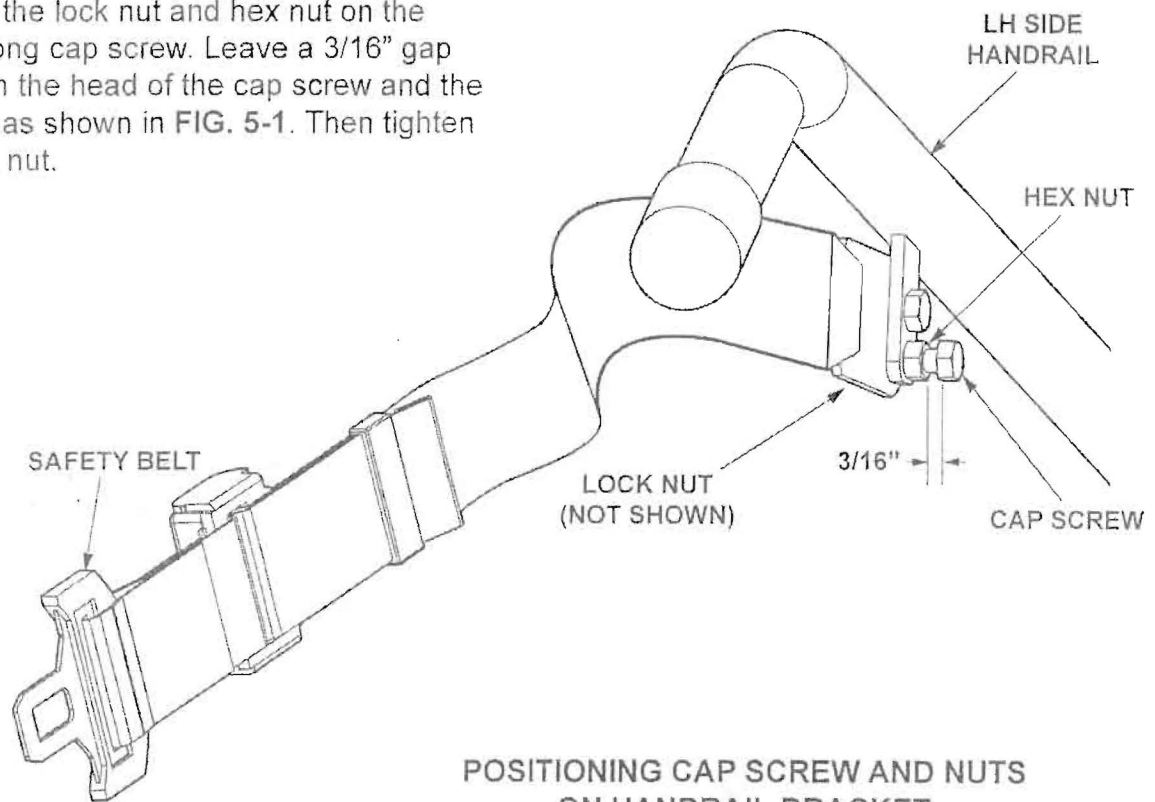
7. Bolt the remaining part of the Seatbelt, to the LH side Handrail as show in FIGS. 4-2A and 4-2B.



BOLTING SAFETY BELT TO
LH SIDE HANDRAIL
FIG. 4-2B

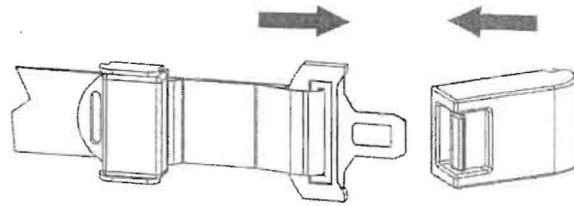
FIG. 4-2A

8. Loosen the lock nut and hex nut on the 1-1/4" long cap screw. Leave a 3/16" gap between the head of the cap screw and the hex nut as shown in FIG. 5-1. Then tighten the lock nut.



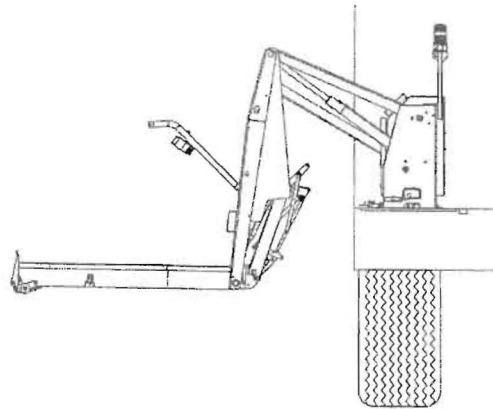
POSITIONING CAP SCREW AND NUTS
ON HANDRAIL BRACKET
FIG. 5-1

9. Adjust the Safety Belt length until it will buckle (**FIG. 6-1**). Then add another 3" to 4" of slack.



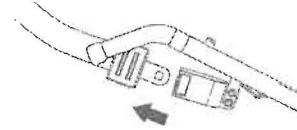
ADJUSTING LENGTH OF
SAFETY BELT
FIG. 6-1

10. Use the Hand Control to raise **UP** the Platform off the ground as shown in **FIG. 6-2**.



PLATFORM RAISED
ABOVE GROUND LEVEL
FIG. 6-2

11. Unbuckle the Safety Belt (FIG. 7-1). Use the Hand Control to raise UP the Platform. Platform should not raise and Controller should read **SEAT BLT** (FIG. 7-2).



UNBUCKLING SAFETY BELT
FIG. 7-1

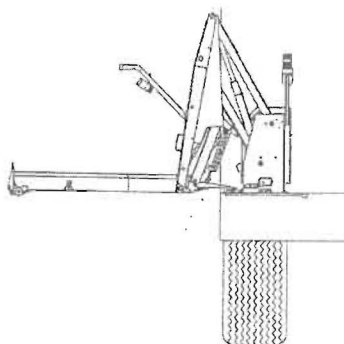


CONTROLLER READING
FIG. 7-2

12. Buckle the Safety Belt (FIG. 7-3). Use the Hand Control to raise the Platform to floor level. Platform should raise to floor level (FIG. 7-4).



BUCKLING SAFETY BELT
FIG. 7-3



PLATFORM RAISED TO FLOOR LEVEL
FIG. 7-4

13. Stow the Lift (see MP-05-11).