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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NACOGDOCHES, TX 75964

NVS-215dgl
09V-498

SUBJECT: ADJUSTABLE BRAKE PEDAL ASSEMBLIES

DEAR MR. HARVEY:

This letter serves to acknowledge Foretravel Motorcoach's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

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:

FORETRAVEL/NIMBUS/2008-2010

FORETRAVEL/PHENIX/2008-2010

Mfg's Report Date: December 14, 2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-498

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, AIR, SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 74

Summary:

FORETRAVEL IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008 THROUGH 2010 PHENIX AND MIMBUS MOTORHOME CHASSIS EQUIPPED WITH PNEUMATIC AND HYDRAULIC ADJUSTABLE BRAKE PEDAL ASSEMBLIES P/NOS. 6562618, 6565118, 77025-001, 77025-002, 77025-501, 77050-004, SUPPLIED BY KONGSBERG AUTOMOTIVE. SOME ASSEMBLIES COULD CONTAIN A DRIVE PIN THAT IS BELOW SPECIFICATION AND MAY BECOME DISENGAGED FROM THE BRAKE ARM CAUSING SEPARATION OR LOOSENING OF THE PEDAL FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE ASSEMBLY.

Consequence:

IF THE DRIVE PIN BECOMES DISENGAGED ON THE BRAKE PEDAL ASSEMBLY, IT COULD RESULT IN A LOSS OF VEHICLE BRAKING FUNCTION AND/OR CAUSE THE BRAKE PEDAL TO INTERFERE WITH THE THROTTLE PEDAL FUNCTION. EITHER CONDITION COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

FORETRAVEL IS WORKING WITH KONGSBERG TO REMEDY THESE MOTORHOMES. PLEASE SEE KONGSBERG'S DEFECT REPORT 09E-064. THE REMEDY WILL BE PERFORMED BY FORETRAVEL FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT FORETRAVEL AT 800-955-6226.

Notes:

OWNERS 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).

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

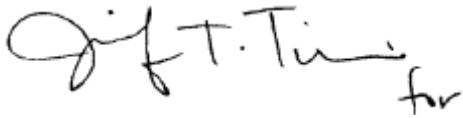
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. H. Person" followed by a small "for" written below the line.

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