

July 9, 2009

**VIA E-MAIL
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**

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 Freightliner concerning a safety defect involving chassis built between April 12, 2004 and September 18, 2006 inclusive. Freightliner has already initiated a safety recall campaign with respect to this non-compliance. NHTSA has assigned recall number 09V-114 to the Freightliner 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 Freightliner chassis that contain the defect.

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

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

<u>Model</u>	<u>Model Years</u>
Aero Elite Freightliner	2004, 2005

These buses were manufactured between June 2004 and September 2004.
The total number of buses subject to this recall campaign is 4.

- B. Description of Defect. The defective chassis contain hydraulic brake lines that have routings that may cause contact with the transmission dipstick as the engine rocks. Continued contact between the brake lines and the transmission dipstick tube could lead to a loss of brake fluid and reduced brake performance potentially resulting in a vehicle a crash without warning.

- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Eldorado National - Kansas received notification from Freightliner on June 25, 2008 that the defect with the chassis exists.
- D. Remedying of Defect. As set forth in the notification issued by Freightliner in connection with recall campaign 09V-114, Freightliner will correct the chassis if found to be defective. The owners of the buses subject to this recall campaign will be advised to contact Freightliner in order to make arrangements to have the remedy completed by Freightliner. Freightliner will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 09V-114. Freightliner has agreed to remedy the defect without charge to the owners.
- E. Owner Notifications. Freightliner will notify the owner's of the buses on behalf of Eldorado National - Kansas. A copy of the owner's notification letter has been provided with recall 09V-114.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Freightliner will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 09V-114. Because the information included by Freightliner 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. or Eldorado National - Kansas at 800-850-1287.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries, Standards Compliance Manager