



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl  
10V-038

SUBJECT: LED MARKERS

DEAR MR. MIHALICK:

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

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:**

ELDORADO/AERO ELITE/2006-2008  
ELDORADO/AEROLITE/2006-2008  
ELDORADO/AEROTECH/2006-2008  
ELDORADO/TRANSTECH/2006-2008

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 10V-038

**Mfg's Report Date:** January 29, 2009

**Components:** EXTERIOR LIGHTING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,227

**Summary:**

ELDORADO NATIONAL IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2006-2008 AEROTECH, AEROLITE, AERO ELITE, AND TRANS TECH BUSES EQUIPPED WITH GROTE INDUSTRIES LED LAMP MARKERS. MOISTURE CAN ENTER THE LAMP HOUSING WHICH CAN LEAD TO THE FAILURE OF THE LAMPS, INCLUDING OVERHEATING, MELTING, AND, POTENTIALLY, A FIRE.

**Consequence:**

IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE, THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE LED MARKER FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING FEBRUARY 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT ELDORADO NATIONAL AT 1-800-955-9086.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY 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 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports 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](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto: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, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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