



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

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NVS-215dgl  
10V-090

**SUBJECT: AMERICAN SEATING Q'STRAIT MAX**

**DEAR MR. LEGG:**

This letter serves to acknowledge New Flyer Industries' 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:**  
NEW FLYER/GE40LFR/2009

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 10V-090

**Mfg's Report Date:** March 1, 2010

**Components:** SEAT BELTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 4

**Summary:**

NEW FLYER IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009 GE40LFR TRANSIT BUSES EQUIPPED WITH REMOTE RELEASE BELTS SUPPLIED BY AMERICAN SEATING. THESE BELTS ARE THE SUBJECT OF DEFECT REPORT 09E-065. THEY MAY NOT PROPERLY LOCK UP AND AS RESULT MAY NOT PROPERLY RESTRAIN THE MOBILITY DEVICE WHEN THE BUS DECELERATES.

**Consequence:**

THIS MAY CAUSE THE MOBILITY DEVICE TO ROLL FORWARD UNTIL THE FULL LENGTH OF THE WEBBING IS EXTENDED WHICH CAUSES POTENTIAL FOR MOBILITY DEVICE TIP-OVER RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH.

**Remedy:**

NEW FLYER IS WORKING WITH AMERICAN SEATING AND WILL REPLACE THE BELTS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NEW FLYER AT 204-934-4876.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS 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).

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.

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:

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 the 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