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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
10V-605

SUBJECT: RADIUS ROD BRACKET ASSEMBLIES

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/D40LF/2008
NEW FLYER/DE60LF/2008-2009
NEW FLYER/E40LFR/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-605

Mfg's Report Date: November 29, 2010

Components: POWER TRAIN: AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 522

Summary:

NEW FLYER IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008-2009 HEAVY DUTY TRANSIT BUSES. THE RADIUS ROD BRACKET WHICH ATTACHES THE FRONT AXLE RADIUS RODS TO THE VEHICLE FRAME MAY BE MISSING TWO OF THE FOUR REQUIRED WELDS.

Consequence:

FAILURE OF A RADIUS ROD BRACKET ASSEMBLY MAY RESULT IN RESTRICTED STEERING CAPABILITY INCREASING THE RISK OF VEHICLE CRASH, INJURY OR DEATH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT FOR RADIUS ROD BRACKETS AND WILL BE REPLACED WITH CERTIFIED PRODUCT FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING DECEMBER 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).

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

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

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, 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, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jennifer" being more prominent and the last name "Timian" following in a similar style.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement