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**VIA E-MAIL**  
**RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**

10V-370  
(2 Pages)

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 (“Eldorado”) has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the buses listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The recall population includes the following product brands manufactured by Eldorado.

<u>Product Brand</u>	<u>Model Years</u>
Transtech	2007 - 2010

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is: 246.  
These vehicles were built between November 2006 and July 2010.

- B. Description of Defect. The vehicles subject to this recall campaign were manufactured with an incorrect wheel well profile cutout. The smaller profile results in a reduced clearance between the wheel well rubber molding attachment screws and the bus’ tires. The attachment screws could rub against the bus’ tires resulting in a tire failure. A tire failure could result in loss of control of the vehicle resulting in a crash of the vehicle.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. The defect was discovered after warranty claims from dealers resulted in an investigation of the problem. Eldorado has received a total of five (6) claims for this issue. There have been no reports of accidents or personal injury as a result of this defect.

- D. Remedying of Defect. The remedy is to inspect the vehicles in the suspect population to insure they have the correct rear wheel well profile. If a bus is found to have the incorrect profile, the wheel well opening will be cut to the correct profile to insure proper clearance to the tire. Additionally, new fasteners will be installed attaching the wheel well rubber molding. This inspection and remedy will be done at no cost to the owner.
- E. Owner Notifications. Eldorado will notify the owners of the buses by letter beginning on August 16, 2010 pending NHTSA approval. A copy of the owner's letter is attached for approval.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Eldorado will be filing quarterly reports in connection with this recall campaign.
- G. Campaign Number. Eldorado does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. Eldorado will use the recall campaign number assigned by NHTSA.

The enclosed information should comply with the NHTSA regulations and satisfy the obligations of Eldorado with respect to this recall campaign. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of Eldorado in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact David Mihalick at 937-596-6849, Ext. 7363. or Bernie Regnier, Eldorado, at 800-955-9086.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick  
Thor Industries  
Standards Compliance Manager