



December 15, 2010

Recall 10V-396

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Thomas Built has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on certain MVP-EF model school buses manufactured between September 12, 2008 and July 16, 2010. These units are identified on the enclosed postcard (Form PSD 304).

The defect involves the mega fuse junction block. The location of the mega fuse exposes it to road splash, ice, snow, and deicing agents potentially causing some to rapidly corrode. In some instances the cables connected to the mega fuse have become corroded to the point of separating from the mega fuse causing an open circuit in the main chassis or body power circuit resulting in the vehicle shutting down or a loss of vehicle lighting, increasing the risk of a crash.

You should immediately contact your Thomas Built Buses dealer for an appointment to have your vehicle modified. Thomas will remedy this defect without charge. The remedy will consist of replacing the mega fuse junction block and electrical box. The mega fuse junction block will be moved inside the electrical box and self seal grommets will be used for cable pass through. A support bracket will be added to help support and limit movement of the cables. It will take approximately 1.0 hour per unit for this repair. **To arrange for repairs, contact your local Thomas Built Buses dealer. After the repair is made, please complete each postage paid card separately and return it to Thomas Built Buses to verify completion.**

In addition to being used to verify repair completion, the postcard must be completed and returned if the vehicle does not need repair, if you no longer own the vehicle, or the vehicle identified on the postcard has been exported, stolen, or destroyed/totaled. Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving the recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within 10 days.

If you have had your vehicle repaired due to this defect prior to receipt of this notice and you have incurred any costs, you may be eligible for reimbursement. For further information, please contact the Customer Support office at (336) 889-4871, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern standard time Monday through Friday. To find a dealer in your area please go to [www.thomasbus.com](http://www.thomasbus.com).

If the defect is not remedied without charge and within a reasonable time which is not longer than 60 days after you tender the vehicle for repair, also please contact the Customer Support Office at (336)889-4871. You may also submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC 20590, or phone the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>. If your vehicle is involved in the Canadian portion, you may notify the Manager, Recall and Public Compliance, Road and Motor Vehicle Traffic Safety Branch, Transport Canada, Ottawa, Ontario or phone (613)993-9851

Sincerely,

Tracy Sauerbrey  
Warranty/Recall Department

Enclosure