



NEW FLYER

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VIA EMAIL and MAIL

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US DOT – National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Subject: Safety Recall Declaration – Drive Shaft Access Panel Modification.

Dear Ms. Timian:

New Flyer Industries Canada ULC and New Flyer of America Inc. (together “New Flyer”), is declaring recall status with regards to certain New Flyer transit vehicles equipped with a maintenance access panel located above the drive shaft in the passenger compartment flooring. The panel was designed for easy inspection and disconnection of the drive shaft.

In 2010, New Flyer conducted Recall 10V-089 to incorporate a honeycomb energy absorbing material to the underside of drive shaft access panels in order to prevent debris from entering the passenger compartment in the event of a drive shaft failure. It has been determined that in certain circumstances, the revised drive shaft access panel design may lack the robustness required to prevent the intrusion of debris into the passenger compartment, in the event of a drive shaft failure.

Inability of the drive shaft access panel to maintain passenger compartment integrity may result in injury or death.

New Flyer released two documents to our customers this year outlining the proper maintenance requirements for drive shafts in an effort to reduce the frequency of drive shaft failures. Now, New Flyer proposes to remove the energy absorbing material from the underside of the access panel and install a mechanically fastened steel plate to the vehicle structure in order to prevent debris from entering the passenger compartment should a drive shaft fail.

New Flyer will contact the customers who purchased buses identified as having drive shaft access panels, with parts and instructions on how to complete this recall. New Flyer is filing the appropriate 573 defect report (see attached) and will manage all quarterly reporting for this recall.

If you have any further questions please contact me.

Sincerely,
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