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Recall 06V-205 OFFICE OF DEFECTS  
INVESTIGATION

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Thomas Built Buses, Inc. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on certain 2007 HDX school buses, manufactured between April 7, 2006 and May 27, 2006 with certain Bendix SR-7 spring brake modulating valves. These units are identified on the enclosed postcard (Form PSD 304).

A manufacturing defect in certain Bendix SR-7 modulating spring brake valve housings may create an intermittent internal air leak when a check valve does not seat correctly, delaying the engagement of the park brake when the parking brake control is applied. Under certain conditions, the vehicle may roll away without warning, resulting in possible property damage, personal injury, or crash.

All affected vehicles must be parked and not used until they are inspected and, if necessary, repaired. The SR-7 valve must be inspected to determine if it is defective. If the valve is not defective, no further action is necessary and the vehicle may be returned to service. Defective valves must be replaced before returning the vehicle to service.

You were recently contacted by Thomas Built Buses regarding the need for an inspection and possible repair of your bus(es). If you have already completed this, no further action is necessary on your part and you may disregard this notice. If you have not had your bus(es) inspected yet, please contact your authorized dealer and make arrangements to have this done.

You should immediately contact your Thomas Built Buses dealer for an appointment to have your vehicle modified. Thomas will remedy this defect without charge. It will take approximately .7 hour for inspection and 1.3 for inspection and replacement. 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, e-mail [Tracy.Sauerbrey@thomasbus.com](mailto:Tracy.Sauerbrey@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, 400 7<sup>th</sup> Street S. W., 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  
Customer Support Division

Enclosure