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Recall 07V-302

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 HDX school buses manufactured between July 2002 and August 2007. These units are identified on the enclosed postcard (Form PSD 304).

The defect involves the Bendix SR-7 spring brake modulating valves. These valves may have one or both of the following defects. The internal rubber check valves on the SR-7 valves may deform over time and potentially result in intermittent improper seating of the check valves. The valve body retainer of Parker Hannifin 90 degree single check valves that attach to the supply port of SR-7 valves may, after prolonged use, break apart and become lodged inside the SR-7 valves, either causing a leak out of the SR-7 valve or preventing air from properly exhausting from the SR-7 valve. Either of these two defects may cause a delay in the application of the parking brake and the vehicle may roll away, resulting in possible property damage or personal injury. Normal service braking is not affected by either condition.

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 defective valves. It will take approximately 1.3 hours for repairs per unit. 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 Warranty/Recall Department at (336) 822-2871, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern standard time Monday through Friday, e-mail 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 Warranty/Recall Department at (336)-822-2871. You may also submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, 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