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Nancy Lewis  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington D.C. 20590

## Re: Defect Information Report FL-627, Braun Lift Latch

Ms. Lewis,

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith reports a safety campaign to recall approximately 990 Thomas Built Buses, SAF-T-Liner EF, SAF-T-Liner HDX, SAF-T-Liner C2 and Minotour vehicles manufactured January 10<sup>th</sup> 2007 through November 5<sup>th</sup> 2010, and equipped with Braun wheelchair lifts with a defect in roll stop mechanism. The breakdown of school buses to non school buses are as follows.

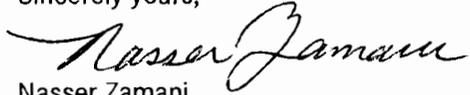
Vehicle	School Bus	Non School Bus
SAF-T-Liner EF	71	67
Minotour	108	6
SAF-T-Liner C2	664	8
SAF-T-Liner HDX	47	19
Totals	890	100

Please note that this information is related to 12E-002 produced by the Braun Corporation on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

Attached are Daimler Trucks North America's Defect Information Reports.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

  
Nasser Zamani

Cc: Amy Martin, Chief Counsel, CAL-OSHA  
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## Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

Date: 5/16/12

**(c)(1) Manufacturer:** Daimler Trucks North America LLC  
P.O. BOX 3849  
Portland, Oregon 97208  
(503) 745-5219

**Brands:** Thomas Built Buses

**(c)(2) Vehicles identification:**

**Model(s) affected:** SAF-T-Liner EF, SAF-T-Liner HDX, SAF-T-Liner C2, Minotour.

**Model Years affected:** 2007 through 2011

**Manufacture Dates:** 1/10/07 through 11/5/10

**Basis for determining population:** Vehicles equipped with specific Braun Century 2 or Vista 2<sup>nd</sup> generation wheelchair lifts.

**Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:**

Rick Nelson  
Director of Product Support  
The Braun Corporation  
631 W 11<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Winamac, IN. 46996

**(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** Approximately 100 buses (67 SAF-T-Liner EF, 8 SAF-T-Liner C2, 19 SAF-T-Liner HDX, 6 Minotour)

**(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect:** 87%

**(c)(5) Description of the defect:** The defect is the outboard end of the wheelchair lift platform, specifically at the outer barrier. The defect manifests itself when the roll stop latches are no longer capable of restraining the roll stop to prevent passengers from defeating or riding over the roll stop, see 12E-002, Braun Defect Information Report.

**49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety:** An unrestrained roll stop occurring when the platform is in an elevated position could allow a wheelchair/passenger to fall to the ground and sustain injury, see 12E-002.

**(c)(6) Chronology of principal events:** April 2012 Thomas Built Buses received notice of the subject recall from Braun via mail.

**(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data:**

**(c)(8) (i) Remedial program:** TBB will notify affected customers of this defect. Authorized Braun service representatives will install a new clevis pin and a replacement outer barrier bracket/latch assembly as provided in kit # 945-12E002 using the procedure as outlined within Braun Service Bulletin 37679.

**Reimbursement Plan:** Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

**(ii) Estimated Owner and Dealer Notification Date:** Customer notification will be by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed prior to June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Dealer and distributor notification will be completed prior to June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**(c)(9) Information for tire recalls:** Not Applicable

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**(c)(10) Communications sent to manufacturers, dealers and owners:** Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

**(c)(11) Manufacturer's campaign number:** FL-627