



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215KS  
13V-536

**Subject:** Minotour 5th Row Barrier Installed Incorrectly

Dear Mr. Zamani:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Trucks North America's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

THOMAS BUILT BUSES/MINOTOUR/2013

**Mfr's Report Date:** October 28, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V-536

**Components:**

SEATS:BARRIERS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 6

**Problem Description:**

Daimler Trucks North America (DTNA) is recalling certain model year 2013 Thomas Built Minotour SRW school buses manufactured June 19, 2013, through August 9, 2013. Incorrect components may have been used to install the 5th row seat barrier.

**Consequence:**

In the event of a crash, the incorrect installation may cause the barrier to not perform as designed, increasing the risk of injury.

**Remedy:**

DTNA has notified owners, and dealers will correct the barrier's installation, free of charge. The recall began on December 5, 2013. Owners may contact DTNA at 1-503-745-5219. DTNA's recall number is FL-649.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

It is our understanding that notification to owners began on December 5, 2013, prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for DTNA to do a renotification, the follow-up notification must be submitted to this office for review and it must comply with the requirements of Part 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision" and Part 577.10, "Follow-up notification."

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements are already in effect. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at <http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers>.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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