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October 28, 2013

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-649, Minotour 5<sup>th</sup> Row Barrier**

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 6 Thomas Built Buses Minotour SRW School Bus vehicles manufactured June 19, 2013 through August 9, 2013, and equipped with a 5<sup>th</sup> row seat barrier that may not meet DTNA specifications.

Attached is Daimler Trucks North America's Defect Information Report.

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)

October 28, 2013

**(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:** Minotour SRW School Bus

**Model Years affected:** 2013

**Manufacture Dates:** June 19, 2013 through August 9, 2013

**Basis for determining population:** Vehicles built with incorrect components

**Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:** N/A

**(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** Approximately 6 United States,

**(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect:** 100%

**(c)(5) Description of the defect:** Incorrect components may have been used for the installation of the 5<sup>th</sup> row seat barrier on certain Minotour vehicles. The use of incorrect components may cause the seat barrier to not perform to DTNA specifications in the event of a crash.

**49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety:** Underperforming seat barrier may increase the risk of injury in a crash.

**(c)(6) Chronology of principal events:**

September 2013 - Thomas Built Buses discovered that incorrect components may have been used in the installation of the 5<sup>th</sup> row seat barrier on certain Minotour vehicles and an investigation was opened to determine the scope of the issue.

October 2013 DTNA decided to conduct a voluntary safety campaign to recall affected vehicles.

**(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data:** Not Applicable

**(c)(8) (i) Remedial program:** Correct components will be installed. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America authorized service facilities.

**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 no later than December 28, 2013.

Dealer and distributor notification will be completed no later than December 28, 2013.

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

**(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-649