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Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215, Rm. W45-206)
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington D.C. 20590

**Re: Defect Information Report – Supplemental Report No. 3
13V-365, FL-643, Auxiliary Fuel Pickup Tube
Representative Owner Notice - 62 Additional Units**

Ms. Lewis,

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith submits supplemental defect information and a representative copy of the document distributed to owners.

- (c)(8)(ii) Owners of 62 vehicles were notified on November 26, 2013. Owners for a total of 237 school buses have now been notified of 13V-365 (as reported on October 18, 2013 - Owners of 175 vehicles were notified on October 18, 2013)
- (c)(10) A copy of communications sent to owners is attached.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

Cc: Amy Martin, CAL-OSHA
Attachment

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NHTSA #13V-364 (Non-School Buses)

NHTSA #13V-365 (School Buses)

Transport Canada #13-281

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL **Subject: Auxiliary Fuel Pickup Tube Label**

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. This notice is sent to you in accordance with the Canadian Motor Vehicles Safety Act.

Daimler Trucks North America LLC (DTNA), on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary, Thomas Built Buses (TBB) has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Thomas Built Buses SAF-T-Liner EF, EFX, and HDX school buses manufactured March 23, 2011, through October 4, 2012.

On certain buses, an information label may detach from the auxiliary heater fuel pickup tube after immersion in diesel fuel for a long period. Once detached, a submerged label may block the engine fuel suction tube, restricting and/or stopping the flow of fuel to the engine, potentially causing the engine to stumble or run erratically. In the worst case, the engine may shut down temporarily and the driver may not be able to completely exit the roadway potentially putting students at increased risk of injury while being transferred to another bus.

The fuel pickup tubes will be replaced.

To arrange for repairs, you should contact your local Thomas Built Bus dealer immediately. Thomas will remedy this defect without charge. The repair should take approximately an hour and a half, and will be performed at no charge to you. You may be liable for any progressive damage that results from your failure to complete the Recall within a reasonable time after receiving notification.

If you do not own the vehicle that corresponds to the identification number(s) which appears on the Recall Notification, please return the notification to the Warranty Department with any information you can furnish that will assist us in locating the present owner. If you have leased this vehicle, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to the lessee within 10 days.

If you have paid to have this recall condition corrected prior to this notice, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement. For further information, please contact the Warranty Department at (336) 889-4871, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time Monday through Friday. To find a dealer in your area please go to www.thomasbus.com.

If you have any questions about this recall, please contact the Warranty Department at (336) 889-4871, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. If you are not able to have the defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236 (TTY: 800-424-9153); or to <http://www.safercar.gov>. In Canada, you may contact Transport Canada-road safety, 80 rue Noel, Gatineau, Quebec J8Z 0A1 or call (800) 333-0510.

We regret any inconvenience this action may cause but feel certain you understand our interest in motor vehicle safety.

THOMAS BUILT BUSES WARRANTY DEPARTMENT
Enclosure