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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. 2
Subject: 13V-604 (FL-654) Non-School - IMMI Seat Belt Buckles
Representative Owner Notice

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 26,030 Non-School vehicles were notified on January 27, 2014.

(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-604 (Non-School Bus) or #13V-606 (School Bus)

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

Subject: IMMI Seat Belt Buckles

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

Daimler Trucks North America LLC, on behalf of its Freightliner Trucks Division and its wholly owned subsidiary Thomas Built Buses, has decided that a non-compliance with Federal regulations exists on specific Freightliner 108SD, 114SD, 122SD, Argosy, Business Class M2, Cascadia, Columbia, and Coronado vehicles; Western Star 4700, 4900, and 6900 vehicles; and Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner C2 and HDX and Minotour vehicles with certain Indiana Mills and Manufacturing, Inc. (IMMI) seat belt assemblies.

Certain Indiana Mills and Manufacturing, Inc. (IMMI) seat belt assemblies equipped with L9 buckles may not satisfy the requirements of S4.3(g) of FMVSS 209/CMVSS 209, Seat Belt Assemblies. When the push button on the buckle is pressed to release the latch plate for egress, the latch plate can become partially engaged with the buckle. In the event of an accident or emergency, occupants may be unable to exit the vehicle immediately and an injury could occur.

Seat belt assemblies will be inspected and replacement buckles will be installed as required.

Please contact an authorized Daimler Trucks North America dealer to arrange to have the recall performed. **IMPORTANT: Parts are currently being manufactured, please contact a dealer in advance to ensure that parts are available.** To locate an authorized dealer, search online at www.Daimler-TrucksNorthAmerica.com. The Recall may take up to several hours on buses and up to an hour on all other vehicles, depending on the number and type of buckles requiring replacement, 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 Campaigns 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 are a subsequent stage manufacturer, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to your distributors and retail outlets within five working days. If you have paid to have this recall condition corrected prior to this notice, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement. Please see the reverse side of this notice for details.

If you have questions about this Recall, please contact the Warranty Campaigns Department at (800) 547-0712, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday, e-mail address DTNA.Warranty.Campaigns@Daimler.com, or the Customer Assistance Center at (800) 385-4357 after normal business hours. 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>.

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

WARRANTY CAMPAIGNS DEPARTMENT

Enclosure

Reimbursement to Customers for Repairs Performed Prior to Recall

If you have already **paid** to have this recall condition corrected you may be eligible to receive reimbursement.

Requests for reimbursement may include parts and labor. Reimbursement may be limited to the amount the repair would have cost if completed by an authorized Daimler Trucks North America LLC dealer. The following documentation must be presented to your dealer for consideration for reimbursement.

Please provide original or clear copies of all receipts, invoices, and repair orders that show:

- The name and address of the person who paid for the repair.
- The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the vehicle that was repaired.
- What problem occurred, what repair was done, when the repair was done.
- Who repaired the vehicle.
- The total cost of the repair expense that is being claimed.
- Proof of payment for the repair (such as the front and back of a cancelled check or a credit card receipt).

Reimbursement will be made by check from your Daimler Trucks North America LLC dealer.

Please speak with your Daimler Trucks North America LLC authorized dealer concerning this matter.