



April 7, 2011

Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION
Attn: Early Warning Division (NVW-217)
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Foreign Recall Report

Dear Associate Administrator Smith:

On April 1, 2011, Daimler Buses North America decided to conduct a safety recall of certain vehicles in Canada. The following information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 579.12.

573.6(c)(1)

Name of Manufacturer: Daimler Buses of North America (DBNA)

Manufacturer's Agent: Bill Nicolle

573.6(c)(2)

Identification of Potentially Affected Vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>
Orion VII NG	Certain 2006~2010 Transit Buses	January 2006~August 2010

Description of the Basis for the Determination of the Recall Population:

The recall population was based on manufacturing records.

573.6(c)(3)

Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected: 811

573.6(c)(5)

Defect Description:

Due to a misapplication of a certain type of battery equalizer in the engine compartment of certain transit buses manufactured for two (2) specific Canadian transit authorities, said equalizers could corrode due to high moisture levels. Corrosion on the equalizer terminals could result in an electrical short which could cause a fire. A fire could disable the bus and could possibly injure passengers.

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579.12(a)

Campaign Being Conducted in: Canada
Safety Recall or Other Safety Campaign: Safety Recall
Determination Made by: DBNA
Date of Determination: April 1, 2011
Date Recall will Commence: May 10, 2011

Manufacturer's Program for Remediating the Noncompliance:

Buses will be inspected for the mis-applied equalizer. If the incorrect equalizer is determined by the inspection, it will be replaced.

U.S. Motor Vehicles Identical or Similar to Vehicles Covered by this Foreign Recall:

Foreign Recalled Vehicle	Identical or Similar U.S. Vehicle
Orion VII NG bus	Orion VII NG bus

Reason U.S. Vehicles Not Affected

Orion VII NG buses sold in the U.S. have equalizers located in the battery compartment.

Sincerely,

Daimler Buses North America



Bill Nicolle
Safety and Compliance Officer