



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 10-011
Date Opened: 04/21/2010
Date Closed: 05/26/2010
Principal Investigator: Sonny Murianka
Subject: Dash Fires

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: DAIMLER TRUCKS NORTH AMERICA
Products: 2009-2010 HDX Thomas Built Buses (RE)
Population: 1,633

Problem Description: Dash fire

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	2	4	4**
Crashes/Fires:	2	4	4**
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0

** Count indicates duplicate reports received by ODI and manufacturer.

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: This investigation has been closed. Daimler (parent company) has filed a safety recall to resolve this matter. Recall number is 10V-183 for school buses and 10V-184 for non-school buses.

Summary:

This investigation was opened after ODI learned of two dash fires that occurred on model year 2008 rear engine school buses.

This investigation was opened to further study these fires and assess the risk.

On April 30, 2010, Daimler filed a defect report concerning this matter. School buses built between November 15, 2007, through June 15, 2009, and non-school buses built between November 20, 2007, through May 8, 2009 will have the dash heater actuator replaced with a more robust actuator to prevent leakage of coolant.

This safety recall resolves the issue raised by this investigation and this investigation is closed.