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**Re: Defect Information Report – Supplemental Report No. 4
07V-142, FL495 Thomas Built School Bus Seat Belt Installation**

Mr. Smith

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 copies of documents to be distributed to dealers and purchasers.

- (c)(3) **Total number of vehicles potentially affected: 12,859**
- (c) (8) **Communications sent to dealers:** posted February 1, 2008
Communications sent to owners: mailed February 8, 2008
- (c) (9) **Copies of Communications sent to owners and dealers are attached.**

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Nasser Zamani

Cc: Michael Mason, CAL-OSHA

Enclosure

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Product Recall

To: ALL DEALERS

From: TRACY SAUERBREY – WARRANTY/RECALL DEPARTMENT

Subject: RECALL 07V-142– Seatbelt Retainer Strip

Date: February 1, 2008

Enclosed are copies of the customer notification letter and the repair procedure for Recall 07V-142. This recall involves certain HDX, FS-65, ER-HD, MVP-EF, and Minotour units manufactured between January 23, 1994 and April 15, 2002. The defect involves the seat belts. The aisle side seat belt may become damaged and wear prematurely. If prematurely worn, seat belts may break which could lead to injury in certain types of accidents.

This is a universal notification sent to all dealers. You may or may not have customers in your area affected by this recall. If owners in your area are subject to this recall, we have enclosed a printout listing those customers' names and addresses. If there is not a printout enclosed according to our records there are no units in your area involved. **If you have a printout and any of the units on it are still in your possession it is your responsibility to ensure the recall is performed before the unit is delivered to the customer.**

The repair will consist of inspection of the seat belts and replacing the belts if found to be damaged from chaffing. The seat belt retainer strip will be replaced. The labor allowance is .1 hour per two (2) seats (SRT code 90-73). You will need to order one seat belt retainer strip per seat depending on seat width (See repair procedure) from the Parts Distribution Center.

Thomas Built Buses has elected to notify all customers directly. Your customers will be contacting you to schedule an appointment for repairs. Reimbursement for parts and labor, (if requested) may be obtained by filing a warranty claim.

If you know of any customers who own or operate a Thomas bus in this recall, whose name and address is NOT listed or is INCORRECTLY listed on the enclosed printout, please promptly notify Thomas Built Buses of that additional information in writing. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Tracy

Enclosures: Customer Letter Repair Procedure Printout (if applicable)



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February 8, 2008

Recall 07V-142

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Thomas Built Buses, Inc. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on certain Minotour, FS-65, MVP-EF, ER, and HDX units manufactured between January 23, 1994 and April 15, 2002. These units are identified on the enclosed postcard (Form PSD 304).

The defect involves the seat belts. The aisle side seat belt may become damaged and wear prematurely. If prematurely worn, seat belts may break which could lead to injury in certain types of accidents. Thomas Built Buses has decided to conduct this recall to ensure that the seat belts, if requested by the customers, operate properly and as expected by the customers.

You should immediately contact your Thomas Built Buses dealer for an appointment to have your vehicle modified. Thomas will remedy this defect without charge. The remedy will consist of inspection of the seat belts and replacing the belts if found to be damaged from chaffing. The seat belt retainer strip will be replaced. It will take approximately .1 hour per two (2) seats for repairs. To arrange for repairs, contact your local Thomas Built Buses dealer. After the repair is made, please complete each postage paid card separately and return it to Thomas Built Buses to verify completion.

In addition to being used to verify repair completion, the postcard must be completed and returned if the vehicle does not need repair, if you no longer own the vehicle, or the vehicle identified on the postcard has been exported, stolen, or destroyed/totaled. Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving the recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within 10 days.

If you have had your vehicle repaired due to this defect prior to receipt of this notice and you have incurred any costs, you may be eligible for reimbursement. For further information, please contact the Customer Support office at (336) 822-2871, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern standard time Monday through Friday, e-mail Tracy.Sauerbrey@thomasbus.com.

If the defect is not remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, which is not longer than 60 days after you tender the vehicle for repair, also please contact the Customer Support Office at (336)-889-4871. You may also submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, or phone the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>. If your vehicle is involved in the Canadian portion, you may notify the Manager, Recall and Public Compliance, Road and Motor Vehicle Traffic Safety Branch, Transport Canada, Ottawa, Ontario or phone (613)-993-9851.

Sincerely,

Tracy Sauerbrey
Warranty/Recall Department

Enclosure



REPAIR PROCEDURE

INSTRUCTION SHEET #85490078

RECALL #07V-142

MODEL: FS-65, ER-HD, HDX, MVP-EF, MINOTOUR

SUBJECT: SEATBELT RETAINER STRIP

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Read the entire procedure before beginning.

1. Move seat cushion up to access the seat retainer bracket.
2. Remove the metal retainer strip and discard. Keep the existing screws.
3. Install the new plastic Seatbelt Retainer Strip, with the existing fasteners. **Figure 1**
4. Latch seat cushion back, making sure all seat belts are accessible.
5. Apply this procedure to all seats.

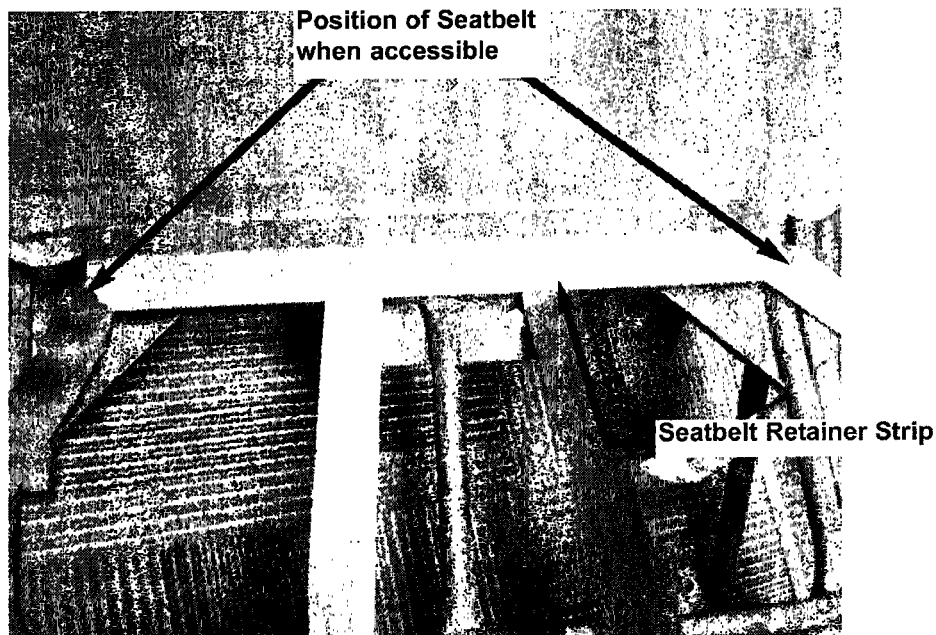


Figure 1

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

<u>PART NUMBER</u>	<u>QTY.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
TBB 85490078	1	REPAIR PROCEDURE, RECALL 07V-142, SEATBELT RETAINER STRIP
<u>ORDER ONE SEATBELT RETAINER STRIP PER SEAT DEPENDING ON SEAT WIDTH:</u>		
TBB 46029403	A/R	STRIP, SEATBELT RETAINER, 20" SEAT
TBB 46029406	A/R	STRIP, SEATBELT RETAINER, 26" SEAT
TBB 46029407	A/R	STRIP, SEATBELT RETAINER, 30" SEAT
TBB 46029408	A/R	STRIP, SEATBELT RETAINER, 32" SEAT
TBB 46029409	A/R	STRIP, SEATBELT RETAINER, 36" SEAT
TBB 46029410	A/R	STRIP, SEATBELT RETAINER, 39" SEAT
TBB 46029411	A/R	STRIP, SEATBELT RETAINER, 45" SEAT