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NVS-215kjs
08V-321

SUBJECT: FMVSS 403/WHEELCHAIR LIFT/MAXON/OUTBOARD ROLLSTOP

DEAR MR. ZAMANI:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Trucks North America's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 403, "Platform Lift Systems for Motor Vehicles," in the vehicles listed below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
THOMAS BUILT/FS65/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-321 **Mfg's Report Date:** July 9, 2008

Components: EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4

Summary:

DAIMLER TRUCKS IS RECALLING 4 MY 2006 THOMAS BUILT FS65 SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JUNE 1 AND JUNE 8, 2006, EQUIPPED WITH MAXON WHEELCHAIR LIFTS. BENDING OCCURS ON THE LOCKING BRACKET ATTACHMENTS AND IN THE RAMP EXTRUSION WHICH FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE LOADING REQUIREMENT OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 403, "PLATFORM LIFT SYSTEMS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES."

Consequence:

INJURY COULD OCCUR TO THE LIFT USER.

Remedy:

DAIMLER TRUCKS WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND PROVIDE A FREE REMEDY WHICH WILL BE PERFORMED BY THOMAS BUILT DEALERSHIPS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 5, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT THOMAS BUILT AT 336-889-4871.

Notes:

DAIMLER TRUCKS RECALL NO. FL-533. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

This recall was the subject of an investigation, EQ08-005, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

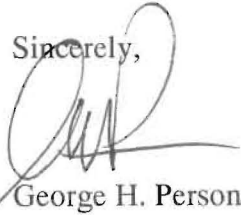
The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a large loop at the top and a horizontal stroke at the bottom.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement