

February 20, 2008



Daimler Trucks North America
Nasser Zamani
Manager
Compliance and Regulatory Affairs

Dan Smith
Associate Administrator for Vehicle Safety
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington D.C. 20590

Re: Defect Information Report FL-524, Braun wheelchair lift

Mr. Smith

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith reports a safety campaign to recall approximately 760 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner C2, FS-65, HDX, Minotour and MVP-EF vehicles, manufactured July 6, 2005 to July 19, 2006, with a defect in vehicles equipped with certain Braun wheelchair lifts.

Attached is Daimler Trucks North America's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nasser Zamani'.

Nasser Zamani

Cc: Michael Mason, CAL-OSHA
Enclosure
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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

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(c)(1) Manufacturer: Daimler Trucks North America LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
(503) 745-5219

Brands: Thomas Built Buses

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:

Model(s) affected: Saf-T-Liner C2, FS-65, HDX, Minotour and MVP-EF

Model Years affected: 2003-2007

Manufacture Dates: July 6, 2005 to July 19, 2006

Basis for determining population: Thomas Built Buses manufactured with Braun wheelchair lifts Model NL, NCL, or NVL manufactured by Braun July 6, 2005 to July 19, 2006

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:

The Braun Corporation
Rick Nelson – Director of Product Support
631 W. 11th Street
P.O. Box 310
Winamac, IN 46996
1-800-946-3143 Ext 3272

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Approximately 760

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect: 100%

(c)(5) Description of the defect: Braun Corporation has determined that the threshold warning systems of the subject model wheelchair lifts do not conform to the threshold warning signal requirements of FMVSS 403 S6.1.3. Reference Braun Defect Information Report 06E-094.
49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: Should the threshold system warning fail to operate, the lift user can fall from the vehicle and be seriously injured.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: October 2006 Braun Corporation Braun filed 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report with a petition for an inconsequential noncompliance – NHTSA ultimately denied the petition. February 2008 Daimler Trucks North America reviewed available facts and agreed to recommend a recall campaign.

(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data: Not Applicable

(c)(8) Remedial program: The lift threshold warning sensitivity will be checked and shims will be installed to set the position of the plate to the threshold warning signal switches. Repairs will be performed by Thomas Built Buses dealerships and Direct Warranty customers, i.e., customers approved by Thomas Built Buses to do their own warranty repairs. Dealers will be notified approximately April 25, 2008.

Estimated Owner Notification Date: Customer notification will be by first class mail using Thomas Built Buses records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately April 25, 2008.

Reimbursement Plan: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(c)(9) Information for tire recalls: Not Applicable

(c)(10) Communications sent to dealers and owners: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

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(c)(11) Copy of proposed owner notification letter: A draft will be sent for ODI review when available.

(c)(12) Manufacturer's campaign number: FL-524