



Daimler Trucks North America
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August 18, 2008

Dan Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington D.C. 20590

Re: Defect Information Report FL-536, Ricon Wheelchair Lift 07E-095

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 2,160 Thomas Built Buses Minotour, FS-65, C2, HDX, and MVP-EF vehicles equipped with Ricon platform wheelchair lifts, manufactured by Ricon April 1, 2005 through October 9, 2007 with a defect in Threshold Warning System.

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

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,


Nasser Zamani

Cc: Michael Mason, CAL-OSHA
Enclosure
Certified Mail# 7004 2890 0004 1202 0690

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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

Date: August 18, 2008

(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: Minotour, FS-65, C2, HDX, MVP-EF

Model Years affected: 2006, 2007, and 2008

Manufacture Dates: (Ricon mfg dates) April 1, 2005 through October 9, 2007

Basis for determining population: All buses manufactured using model "S" or "K" 1200, 2000, or 5500 Series Ricon platform wheelchair lifts built April 1, 2005 through October 9, 2007.

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:

Ricon Corporation
A Division of Vapor Bus International
7900 Nelson Road
Panorama City, CA 91402
Attn: Stanton Saucier, 818.267.3016

(c)(3) **Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** Approximately 2,160

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

(c)(5) **Description of the defect:** See attached Defect Information Report from Ricon (07E-095).

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: See attached Defect Information Report from Ricon.

(c)(6) **Chronology of principal events:** February 2008; Ricon contacted Thomas Built Buses via certified letter regarding initiation of recall 07E-095. August 2008; Daimler Trucks North America reviewed available facts and recommended a recall campaign.

(c)(7) **Noncompliance-test or other data:** See attached Defect Information Report from Ricon.

(c)(8) (i) **Remedial program:** The Threshold Warning System metal covers and optical sensors mounting retainers will be replaced. 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.

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

(ii) **Estimated Owner and Dealer 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 October 17, 2008.

Dealer notification will be completed approximately October 17, 2008.

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

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

(c)(11) **Manufacturer's campaign number:** FL-536