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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-537, Ricon Wheelchair Lift 07E-097**

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 2,250 Thomas Built Buses Minotour, FS-65, C2, HDX, MVP-EF vehicles equipped with certain Ricon wheelchair lifts, manufactured by Ricon April 1, 2005 through September 6, 2006 with a defect in the anti-stow interlock 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  
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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 and 2007

**Manufacture Dates:** (Ricon mfg dates) April 1, 2005 through September 6, 2006

**Basis for determining population:** All buses manufactured using model "S" or "K" 1200, 2000, or 5500 Series Ricon platform wheelchair lifts built between April 1, 2005 through September 6, 2006

**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 2,250

(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-097).

**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:** June 2008; Ricon contacted Thomas Built Buses via certified letter regarding initiation of recall 07E-097. 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:** Remedy requires adjusting the sensitivity level of the anti-stow pressure switch mounted on the hydraulic pump to a position that causes the platform to exhibit five to six pulses during stowing cycle. 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-537