

Daimler Trucks North America
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December 1, 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-540, TBB Minotour Tire and Capacity Placard

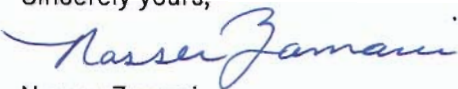
Mr. Smith

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 2,590 Thomas Built Buses Minotour vehicles with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less manufactured September 1, 2004 through November 26, 2008 that may not conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 110.

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
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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

Date: December 1, 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

Model Years affected: 2005-2009

Manufacture Dates: September 1, 2004 through November 26, 2008

Basis for determining population: All vehicles with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer: Not applicable

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Approximately 2,590

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

(c)(5) Description of the noncompliance: Certain Minotour vehicles may not conform to tire and capacity placard requirements of FMVSS 110 S4.3(a) through (e).

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: Incorrect information may lead to tire overloading and possibly cause tire failure which may result in a vehicle crash.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: NHTSA contacted DTNA about the possible noncompliance of the label November 14, 2008.

(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data: DTNA reviewed the placard for compliance on November 26, 2008.

(c)(8) (i) Remedial program: New labels will be printed and sent to customers for installation.
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 Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately February 13, 2009

Dealer notification will be completed approximately February 13, 2009

(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-540



HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA
MFD BY THOMAS BUILT BUSES INC.

07-2008
04-2008

INC. VEH. MFD. BY: CHEVROLET
GVWR: 13356KG (9600LB)

GVWR FRONT: 101250 KG (223100LB) W/ 16X5.5 RIMS, 245/75R16
TIRE: 552PKPA10BOPS11COLD, "E" LOAD RATING, SINGLE

GVWR REAR: 102760 KG (226084LB) W/ 16X6.5 RIMS, 245/75R16
TIRE: 552PKPA10BOPS11COLD, "E" LOAD RATING, SINGLE

THIS VEHICLE CONFORMS TO ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL MOTOR
VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS IN EFFECT IN: 06/2008
VIN: 1GBHG31C181210142
VEH. TYPE: SCHOOL BUS

BODY ID: 16036-0810811-04115
CHASSIS ID NO: 97407





TIRE INFORMATION

THE COMBINED WEIGHT OF OCCUPANTS / CARGO SHOULD NEVER EXCEED 10184.00 LBS. OR 4619.39 KG

ORIGINAL TIRE SIZE COLD TIRE INFLATION PRESSURE

FRONT	80 psi / 551.58 kPa				
REAR	80 psi / 551.58 kPa				

LT24575R16

	1	2	3	4	5
SEATING CAPACITY	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL INCLUDING DRIVER	1	0	3	3	3

SEE OWNER'S MANUAL FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

VIN # 1GBHG31C181210142

Order # 16036