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November 30, 2009

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-568, C2 Hydraulic Brake Line**


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 596 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner C2s and Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation B2 bus chassis vehicles manufactured 10/01/2007 through 08/10/2009, and equipped with Cummins ISB CM2150 J1939/1587 engine control unit and Bosch hydraulic pin-slide disc front brakes and Webasto 17K BTU coolant heater.

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

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

  
Nasser Zamani

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Enclosure  
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## Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

Date: November 30, 2009

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

**Brands:** Thomas Built Buses, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation

**(c)(2) Vehicles identification:**

**Model(s) affected:** Thomas Buses Saf-T-Liner C2, FCCC B2 Chassis

**Model Years affected:** 2008, 2009, and 2010

**Manufacture Dates:** 10/01/2007 through 08/10/2009

**Basis for determining population:** All Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner C2s with an FCCC B2 chassis built 10/01/2007 through 08/10/2009 with CUM ISB CM2150 J1939/1587 ENGINE CONTROL UNIT, BOSCH HYDRAULIC PIN-SLIDE DISC FRONT BRAKES, and WEBASTO 17K BTU COOLANT HEATER.

**Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:** N/A

**(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** Approximately 596

**(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect:** 10%

**(c)(5) Description of the defect:** On C2 buses and B2 chassis equipped with Cummins ISB engine control unit and Bosch hydraulic pin-slide brakes and Webasto 17k btu coolant heater the front right hand crossover brake line may have been secured using shorter offset than specified clamps potentially allowing the line to rub on surrounding components. This may lead to a brake fluid leak.

**49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety:** Continued contact between the brake line and the surrounding components may lead to a loss of brake fluid and reduced brake performance potentially resulting in a vehicle crash.

**(c)(6) Chronology of principal events:**

08/06/2009 – DTNA received a field report regarding a leaking brake line.

08/28/2009 - DTNA confirmed clamps with a shorter offset than specified were potentially used in production.

**(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data:**

**(c)(8) (i) Remedial program:** Potentially affected units will be inspected and clamps with a shorter offset than specified will be replaced with longer offset clamps. Any brake lines found to be damaged due to contact with surrounding components will be replaced. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America dealerships and Direct Warranty customers, i.e., customers approved by Daimler Trucks North America 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 Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately January 29, 2010  
Dealer notification will be completed approximately January 29, 2010

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

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**(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-568