



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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PORTLAND OR 97217-3849

NVS-215kjs  
10V-246

**SUBJECT: AUTOMATIC MECHANICAL TRANSMISSION/PARK FEATURE**

**DEAR MR. ZAMANI:**

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Trucks North America's (DTNA) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

THOMAS BUILT BUSES/SAF-T-LINER C2/2011

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 10V-246      **Mfg's Report Date:** June 4, 2010

**Components:** POWER TRAIN:AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 39

**Summary:**

DTNA IS RECALL CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 THOMAS BUILT SAF-T-LINER C2 SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM APRIL 16, 2009 THROUGH MAY 10, 2010, AND EQUIPPED WITH CERTAIN EATON HYBRID TRANSMISSIONS WITH PARK FEATURE. THE REVERSE IDLER SHAFT MAY CONTACT THE PARK FEATURE AND THE TWO COMPONENTS MAY BIND, PREVENTING THE PARK FEATURE FROM ENGAGING.

**Consequence:**

IF THE PARK FEATURE DOES NOT ENGAGE, THE VEHICLE CAN MOVE WITHOUT WARNING, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN PERSONAL INJURY OR A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DTNA WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND THE REMEDY WILL BE PERFORMED BY EATON CORPORATION FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 27, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DTNA AT 1-800-547-0712 OR EATON AT 1-800-826-4357 OR 1-269-342-3242.

**Notes:**

DTNA'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS FL-579. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

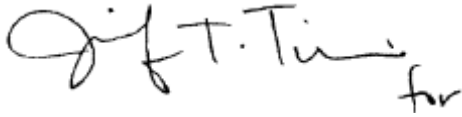
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

It is our understanding that Eaton will be handling the remedy and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Eaton's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at [Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov](mailto:Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign. Sincerely,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George H. Person" with a stylized flourish at the end.

George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement