



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

September 7, 2010

MR. NASSER ZAMANI  
MANAGER, COMPLIANCE AND  
REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
DAIMLER TRUCKS NORTH AMERICA  
4747 N. CHANNEL AVENUE  
PORTLAND OR 97217-3849

NVS-215kjs  
10V-394

SUBJECT: POWER CABLE

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/MINOTOUR/2004-2010

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 10V-394      **Mfg's Report Date:** September 1, 2010

**Components:** ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY:CABLES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 14

**Summary:**

DAIMLER TRUCKS IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2004 THROUGH 2010 MINOTOUR NON SCHOOL BUSES BUILT ON FORD CHASSIS MANUFACTURED FROM MAY 6, 2004 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2, 2010. ON AFFECTED VEHICLES, MAIN BODY POWER CABLES WERE ROUTED IN THE AREA OF AN UNPROTECTED EDGE ON THE PASSENGER'S SIDE INNER-FENDER. UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS A POWER CABLE MAY CONTACT THE SHARP EDGE. IF UNDETECTED, CONTINUED CONTACT COULD WEAR THROUGH THE POWER CABLE'S INSULATION POTENTIALLY RESULTING IN A SHORT CIRCUIT.

**Consequence:**

A SHORT CIRCUITED POWER CABLE COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE FIRE AND INJURY TO VEHICLE OCCUPANTS.

**Remedy:**

DAIMLER TRUCKS WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND THE BUSES WILL BE REPAIRED BY THOMAS BUILT DEALERS FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED THE AGENCY WITH A NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DAIMLER TRUCKS TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-547-0712.

**Notes:**

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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

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,



for

Richard Willard  
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement