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**National Highway
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NVS-215kjs
10V-396

SUBJECT: UNEXPECTED ENGINE SHUTDOWN

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/MVP-EF/2009-2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-396 **Mfg's Report Date:** September 1, 2010

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,117

Summary:

DAIMLER TRUCKS IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009 THROUGH 2011 MVP-EF THOMAS BUILT SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM SEPTEMBER 12, 2008 THROUGH JULY 16, 2010, EQUIPPED WITH THE MEGAFUSE JUNCTION BOX. ON AFFECTED VEHICLES THE MEGAFUSE JUNCTION BOX IS LOCATED IN AN AREA EXPOSED TO EXCESSIVE ROAD SPLASH AND SPRAY. IN SOME APPLICATIONS THE CABLE CONNECTIONS MAY CORRODE RAPIDLY. IF UNDETECTED, EXTREME CORROSION MAY CAUSE A POWER CABLE TO BECOME SEPARATED FROM THE POWER SOURCE RESULTING IN AN UNEXPECTED ENGINE SHUTDOWN OR LOSS OF VEHICLE LIGHTING AND WINDSHIELD WIPERS.

Consequence:

UNEXPECTED ENGINE SHUTDOWN OR A LOSS OF VEHICLE LIGHTING AND WINDSHIELD WIPERS IN CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONDITIONS COULD INCREASE THE RISK OF A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

DAIMLER TRUCKS WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND THE REPAIRS WILL BE MADE BY THOMAS BUILT REPAIR FACILITIES. A FINAL REMEDY AND NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DAIMLER TRUCKS 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, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign. Sincerely,

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Richard Willard
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Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement