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Dan Smith  
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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-577, Stop Lamps (Amendment)**

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 6669 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner C2 school bus vehicles and 6,569 Freightliner Business Class M2 and Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation S2 chassis and MC chassis manufactured January 2005 through April 2010, and equipped with hydraulic brakes with a defect that may cause the stop lamps in some vehicles to be intermittent during light brake applications.

Per a request from ODI, the school bus and Non-school bus populations have been separated into two DIRs. Attached are the corrected Daimler Trucks North America's Defect Information Reports.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

Cc: Michael Mason, CAL-OSHA  
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## Defect Information Report (Section 573.6)

Date: April 21, 2010

(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:** Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner C2 School Buses

**Model Years affected:** 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

**Manufacture Dates:** January 19, 2005 through April 16, 2010

**Basis for determining population:** All vehicle models listed above and built January 2005 through April 2010 with hydraulic brakes

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

(c)(3) **Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** Approximately 6,669

(c)(4) **Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect:** 2%

(c)(5) **Description of the defect:** The stop lamps may be intermittent during light brake applications.

**49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety:** The stop lamps may not properly indicate that the service brakes are applied which may lead to a crash without prior warning.

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

2/3/2010 – NHTSA opened a PE to investigate allegations of brake lights not illuminating during a "light brake pedal application" on Model Years (MY) 2009 through 2011 Thomas Built Saf-T-Liner C2 model school buses.

DTNA reviewed warranty data and found 296 claims (USA + Canada populations) related to brake lights not illuminating on trucks and buses with hydraulic brakes produced from January 2005 to present.

DTNA reviewed customer complaint data and found 7 reports (USA + Canada population) related to the brake lights not illuminating on trucks and buses with hydraulic brakes produced from January 2005 to present.

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

(c)(8) **(I) Remedial program:** The remedy is unknown at this time. 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.

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**(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. The completion date is: TBD  
Dealer notification is: TBD

**(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-577