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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 National Seating Driver's Seat

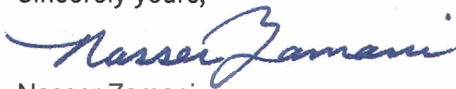
Mr. Smith

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 300 Thomas Built Buses school and non-school bus models MVP-EF, HDX, and Saf-T-Liner C2 manufactured March 17, 2009, through December 7, 2009, and equipped with a National Seating driver's seat which may contain a defective Stabilus Bloc-O-Lift shock part number 5561ED.

Attached are 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)

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(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: School bus models MVP-EF, HDX, and Saf-T-Liner C2

Model Years affected: 2010 and 2011

Manufacture Dates: Approximately March 17, 2009, through December 7, 2009

Basis for determining population: Vehicles potentially manufactured with National Seating driver's seats containing a Stabilus Bloc-O-Lift shock part number 5561ED manufactured March 10, 2009, through December 4, 2009.

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:

National Seating
200 National Drive, Vonore, TN 37885
Attn: Bruce R. Walker, 800-222-7386 ext 34811

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Approximately 294
(43 - MVP-EF, 14 - HDX, and 237 - Saf-T-Liner C2)

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect: Unknown

(c)(5) Description of the defect: Nation Seating reports that improper welding of the mounting tab on Stabilus Bloc-O-Lift shock part number 5561ED could cause the mounting tab to break off unexpectedly allowing the driver's seat to drop to its lowest height position without warning.

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: Should the driver's seat drop to its lowest position unexpectedly while the vehicle is in operation, the driver may experience a momentary loss of control possibly resulting in a crash.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events:

On approximately August 27, 2010, Thomas Built Buses was notified by National Seating that some driver's seats supplied to Thomas Bus were suspected of containing improperly welded Stabilus Bloc-O-Lift shocks identified in National Seating's recall 10E-033. Thomas Bus conducted an investigation to determine if any potentially affected seats were used in manufacturing Thomas Bus vehicles. Thomas Bus determined that the seat could have been used in the vehicles identified in (c) (3) above. Thomas Bus has received no warranty claims or field reports related to the defect describe by National Seating.

(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data: Not Applicable

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(c)(8) (i) Remedial program: Vehicles potentially manufactured with suspect driver's seats will be inspected to determine if they contain a Stabilus Bloc-0-Lift shock part number 5561ED manufactured March 10, 2009, through December 4, 2009. Shocks within the suspected date range will be replaced. Repairs will be performed by authorized Thomas Built Buses service facilities.

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 December 10, 2010
Dealer and distributor notification will be completed approximately December 10, 2010

(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: Thomas Bus will use the number assigned by NHTSA