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Dan Smith  
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**Re: Defect Information Report – Supplemental Report No. 7  
10V-177 School Bus, 10V-178 Non School Bus  
FL-577, Hydraulic Brake Switches**

Mr. Smith,

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith submits supplemental defect information and a copy of the representative document distributed to owners.

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10V-177 School Bus Owners of 6194 vehicles were notified on May 27, 2011  
10V-178 Non School Bus Owners of 8703 vehicles were notified on May 27, 2011

(c) (10) A copy of communications sent to owners is attached.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



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Cc: Amy Martin; CAL-OSHA  
Attachment

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May 2011  
FL577A  
NHTSA #10V-177 (School Bus)  
NHTSA #10V-178 (Non-School Bus)

## Subject: Hydraulic Brake Switches

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Daimler Trucks North America LLC, on behalf of its Freightliner Trucks Division and wholly owned subsidiary, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Freightliner Custom Chassis B2 school bus chassis (Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner C2) and S2 shuttle bus chassis, MC motorhome chassis, and Freightliner Business Class M2 vehicles, manufactured between January 19, 2005, and May 5, 2010.

Certain vehicles may have been built with stop lamps that may illuminate intermittently during light brake applications. Stop lamps that do not properly indicate that the service brakes are applied may lead to a possible vehicle crash.

The hydraulic brake switch will be replaced on the brake pedal to control stop lamp functionality. The hydraulic brake pedals will be inspected for side-to-side play and twist and will be replaced as necessary.

Please contact an authorized Daimler Trucks North America dealer to arrange to have the recall performed and to ensure that parts are available at the dealership. To locate an authorized dealer, search online at [www.Daimler-TrucksNorthAmerica.com](http://www.Daimler-TrucksNorthAmerica.com). The Recall may take up to three hours and will be performed at no charge to you.

**IMPORTANT:** When the Recall has been completed, please ensure that the dealer has affixed a red recall sticker (either pre-printed or handwritten) to the base label on your vehicle referencing **FL577**. On trucks, the base label is usually located on the passenger-side door, about 12 inches below the door latch. On school buses and shuttle buses, the base label is usually located over the driver's window. On motorhomes, the base label is usually located on the front wall, under the dash. If there is no completion sticker, please ask your dealer for one after the recall has been completed.

If you do not own the vehicle that corresponds to the identification number(s) which appears on the Recall Notification, please return the notification to the Warranty Campaigns Department with any information you can furnish that will assist us in locating the present owner. If you have leased this vehicle, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to the lessee within 10 days. If you are a subsequent stage manufacturer, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to your distributors and retail outlets within five working days. If you have paid to have this recall condition corrected prior to this notice, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement. Please see the reverse side of this notice for details.

If you have questions about this Recall, please contact the Warranty Campaigns Department at (800) 547-0712, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time Monday through Friday, e-mail address [DTNA.Warranty.Campaigns@Daimler.com](mailto:DTNA.Warranty.Campaigns@Daimler.com), or the Customer Assistance Center at (800) FTL-HELP after normal business hours. If you are not able to have the defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, which is not longer than 60 days after you tender the vehicle for repair, you may wish to submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236 (TTY: 800-424-9153); or to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We regret any inconvenience this action may cause but feel certain you understand our interest in motor vehicle safety.

WARRANTY CAMPAIGNS DEPARTMENT

Enclosure

## **Reimbursement to Customers for Repairs Performed Prior to Recall**

If you have already **paid** to have this recall condition corrected you may be eligible to receive reimbursement.

Requests for reimbursement may include parts and labor. Reimbursement may be limited to the amount the repair would have cost if completed by an authorized Freightliner LLC dealer. The following documentation must be presented to your dealer for consideration for reimbursement.

Please provide original or clear copies of all receipts, invoices, and repair orders that show:

- The name and address of the person who paid for the repair.
- The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the vehicle that was repaired.
- What problem occurred, what repair was done, when the repair was done.
- Who repaired the vehicle.
- The total cost of the repair expense that is being claimed.
- Proof of payment for the repair (such as the front and back of a cancelled check or a credit card receipt).

Reimbursement will be made by check from your Freightliner LLC dealer.

Please speak with your Freightliner LLC authorized dealer concerning this matter.