



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

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NVS-215kjs  
11V-359

**SUBJECT: GRID HEATER/POSSIBLE FIRE**

**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:**

FCCC/B2/2011

THOMAS BUILT BUSES/SAF-T-LINER C2/2011

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 11V-359      **Mfg's Report Date:** July 18, 2011

**Components:** ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 727

**Summary:**

DAIMLER TRUCKS IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 AND 2011 FCCC B2 106 CH AND THOMAS BUILT SAF-T-LINER C2 SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM FEBRUARY 16, 2010, THROUGH JULY 7, 2010, EQUIPPED WITH SPECIFIC MBE900 EPA04 AND EPA07 MODEL ENGINES. THE INTAKE AIR GRID HEATER MAY SHORT CIRCUIT AND FAIL DUE TO EXCESSIVE INTERNAL TEMPERATURES.

**Consequence:**

A SHORT CIRCUITED GRID HEATER COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE FIRE AND INJURY TO VEHICLE OCCUPANTS.

**Remedy:**

DTNA HAS ISSUED AN INTERIM LETTER TO THE OWNERS OF THE AFFECTED VEHICLES. ANOTHER NOTIFICATION WILL BE ISSUED ONCE THE REMEDY IS RELEASED WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE ON OR ABOUT JULY 29, 2011. REPAIRS WILL BE PERFORMED BY DTNA DEALERS FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DTNA TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-547-0712. THIS RECALL IS ASSOCIATED WITH A PREVIOUS RECALL, CAMPAIGN NUMBER 10V-340.

**Notes:**

DTNA RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS 10C-5. 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).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 1-202-366-5227, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jen for" followed by a stylized signature.

Jennifer Timian  
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement