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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 FL-604, Carrier Transicold GEN V EM-1 Units

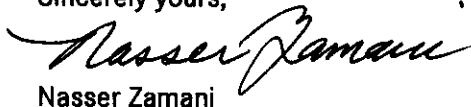
Mr. Smith

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 6892 Thomas Built Buses, School and Non-School Bus, Saf-T-Liner C2, Saf-T-Liner HDX, MVP-EF, FS-65, and Minotour vehicles manufactured January 2, 2006 through January 31, 2011, and equipped with a Carrier Transicold GEN V EM-1 Evaporator assembly with a defect in a fuse holder.

Attached is Daimler Trucks North America's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,


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

April 6, 2011

(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: Saf-T-Liner C2, Saf-T-Liner HDX, MVP-EF, FS-65, Minotour School Buses

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

Manufacture Dates: January 2, 2006 through January 31, 2011

Basis for determining population: All vehicles equipped with a Carrier Gen V EM-1 evaporator assembly with a serial number between KNT90890232 and NNE91230058

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:

Carrier Corporation
One Carrier Place
Farmington, CT 06034

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Estimated at 6828

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect: Percentage of equipment containing the defect has not been supplied by Carrier Transicold

(c)(5) Description of the defect: Carrier states that "Carrier, in conjunction with Allied Motion and Delphi determined that the EM-1 Units may have a fuse holder defect, in which, due to time and temperature, the fuse holder may relax. Through relaxation of fuse holder contacts over time, a high-resistance connection may result, possibly producing arcing. The arcing may produce melting of the fuse holder or ignition of the fuse holder, which may cause flame or smoke to propagate within the EM-1 Unit." Reference Carrier Transicold recall 11E-003.

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: Potential fire hazard

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: On February 9, 2011 DTNA received notification from Carrier Transicold regarding a recall on certain GEN V EM-1 Evaporator Assemblies. Thomas Built Buses put all vehicles with suspect GEN V EM-1 units on hold for repair before release. DTNA then began the process of determining which vehicles had suspect Carrier Gen V EM-1 Units installed. By mid to late February all vehicles had been repaired and released and all stocked parts had been repaired.

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

(c)(8) (i) Remedial program: DTNA in cooperation with Carrier, will provide owners of all affected EM-1 Units a rework for the potential defect at no charge for parts or labor.
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 May 24, 2011.
Dealer and distributor notification will be completed approximately May 17, 2011.

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(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-604