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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: AMENDED Defect Information Report FL-617, SpectAL VPO Window Handle

Mr. Smith

Attached please find Daimler Trucks North America's AMENDED Defect Information Report for campaign FL-617 revising the potential consequences of the defective Vertical Push-Out window handle attachment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Nasser Zamani



Cc: Amy Martin, Chief Counsel, CAL-OSHA
Enclosure

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AMENDED Defect Information Report (Section 573.6)

October 28, 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 school buses

Model Years affected: 2011 - 2012

Manufacture Dates: July 26, 2011, through August 9, 2011

Basis for determining population: Saf-T-Liner C2 buses with SpectAL vertical pushout windows from affected lots

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:

SpectAL Industries, Inc., 850 Moeller Street, Granby (Quebec) Canada, J2J 1K7

Attn: Caroline Fraser-QA Director, Phone: (450) 378-6722, ext. 300,

Email: caroline_fraser@spectal.ca

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Approximately 90

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect: 100%

(c)(5) Description of the defect: The rivets used to install the handles on certain SpectAL emergency vertical pushout windows may be incorrect. As a result the handles may be susceptible to detaching from the unit during operation.

If the handle is actuated during a non-emergency situation and detaches, the emergency window cannot be re-secured, posing a risk that children may fall or climb out. However, if the handle were to detach during an emergency, the exit window will open and egress through the window will not be hindered.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: October 11, 2011 - SpectAL notified Thomas Built Buses that it had filed a Defect Information Report with US officials informing them that it had decided a defect which was related to motor vehicle safety existed in certain of its VPO windows. Please see 11E-042 for additional information.

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

(c)(8) (i) Remedial program: The window stile containing the handle will be replaced. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America authorized 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 21, 2011.

Dealer and distributor notification will be completed approximately December 21, 2011.

(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-617