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May 16, 2012

Nancy Lewis
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-627, Braun Lift Latch

Ms. Lewis,

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 990 Thomas Built Buses, SAF-T-Liner EF, SAF-T-Liner HDX, SAF-T-Liner C2 and Minotour vehicles manufactured January 10th 2007 through November 5th 2010, and equipped with Braun wheelchair lifts with a defect in roll stop mechanism. The breakdown of school buses to non school buses are as follows.

Vehicle	School Bus	Non School Bus
SAF-T-Liner EF	71	67
Minotour	108	6
SAF-T-Liner C2	664	8
SAF-T-Liner HDX	47	19
Totals	890	100

Please note that this information is related to 12E-002 produced by the Braun Corporation on January 31st, 2012.

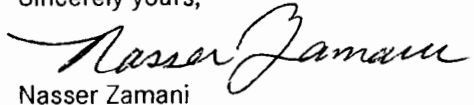
Attached are Daimler Trucks North America's Defect Information Reports.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nasser Zamani". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'N'.

Nasser Zamani

Cc: Amy Martin, Chief Counsel, CAL-OSHA
Enclosure
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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

Date: 5/16/12

(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 EF School Bus, SAF-T-Liner HDX School Bus, SAF-T-Liner C2 School Bus, Minotour School Bus.

Model Years affected: 2007 through 2011

Manufacture Dates: 1/10/07 through 11/5/10

Basis for determining population: School bus vehicles equipped with specific Braun Century 2 or Vista 2nd generation wheelchair lifts.

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:

Rick Nelson
Director of Product Support
The Braun Corporation
631 W 11th Street,
Winamac, IN. 46996

(c)(3) **Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** Approximately 890 School buses (71 SAF-T-Liner EF, 664 SAF-T-Liner C2, 47 SAF-T-Liner HDX, 108 Minotour)

(c)(4) **Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect:** 87%

(c)(5) **Description of the defect:** The defect is the outboard end of the wheelchair lift platform, specifically at the outer barrier. The defect manifests itself when the roll stop latches are no longer capable of restraining the roll stop to prevent passengers from defeating or riding over the roll stop, see 12E-002, Braun Defect Information Report.

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: An unrestrained roll stop occurring when the platform is in an elevated position could allow a wheelchair/passenger to fall to the ground and sustain injury, see 12E-002.

(c)(6) **Chronology of principal events:** April 2012 Thomas Built Buses received notice of the subject recall from Braun via mail.

(c)(7) **Noncompliance-test or other data:**

(c)(8) (i) **Remedial program:** TBB will notify affected customers of this defect. Authorized Braun service representatives will install a new clevis pin and a replacement outer barrier bracket/latch assembly as provided in kit # 945-12E002 using the procedure as outlined within Braun Service Bulletin 37679.

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 prior to June 29th, 2012

Dealer and distributor notification will be completed prior to June 29th, 2012

(c)(9) **Information for tire recalls:** Not Applicable

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(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-627