



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Bill Nicolle
Daimler Buses North America
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Mississauga, Ontario, 00 L5J 4T8

NVS-215KS
13V-056

Subject: Leaking Brake Pressure may Lead to Wheel End Fire

Dear Mr. Nicolle:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Buses North America's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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:
ORION/VII/2011-2012

Mfr's Report Date: February 18, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-056

Components:
PARKING BRAKE:DRIVELINE:AIR:CHAMBER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 171

Problem Description:

Daimler Buses North America (DBNA) is recalling certain model year 2011-2012 Orion VII transit buses equipped with disc brakes using MGM brake components. In the affected vehicles, the brake chambers may leak pressure allowing the parking brake to drag when it is supposed to be released. Brake dragging could lead to overheated brake components.

Consequence:

Overheated brake components could result in a fire.

Remedy:

DBNA will notify owners and will replace the affected brake chambers, free of charge. The safety recall will begin in late February 2013. Owners may contact Daimler Buses North America at 1-800-882-8054.

Notes:

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>.

Please 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. Also, 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 one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement