



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

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NVS-215KS  
13V-365

**Subject:** Blocked Fuel Delivery Resulting in Stall

Dear Mr. Zamani:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Trucks 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:**

THOMAS BUILT/SAF-T-LINER EF/2013-2014

THOMAS BUILT/SAF-T-LINER EFX/2013-2014

THOMAS BUILT/SAF-T-LINER HDX/2013-2014

**Mfr's Report Date:** August 13, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V-365

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS

FUEL SYSTEM, DIESEL:STORAGE:TANK ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 175

**Problem Description:**

Daimler Trucks North America (Daimler) is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 Saf-T-Liner (EF, EFX, and HDX) buses equipped with an auxiliary fuel pickup tube for use with an optional chassis coolant heater and manufactured January 1, 2012, through October 4, 2012. An information label affixed to the auxiliary heater fuel pickup tube may detach and fall off into the fuel tank, inhibiting fuel delivery to the engine.

**Consequence:**

Insufficient fuel delivery may cause the engine to stumble, run erratically, or stall while driving, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Daimler will notify owners and dealers will inspect the tanks and auxiliary heater fuel pickup tubes for labels. Any labels will be removed, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin by October 18, 2013. Owners may contact Daimler at 1-800-716-7466. Daimler's recall number is FL-643.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

This recall was the subject of a preliminary evaluation, PE13-006, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.


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](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.

Sincerely,

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

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