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Nancy Lewis  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215, Rm. W45-206)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington D.C. 20590

**Re: Defect Information Supplemental Report No. 3  
14V-074SB, FL-659, Minotour Rear Floor Reinforcement  
Representative Owner Notice**

Ms. Lewis,

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith submits supplemental defect information and a representative copy of the document distributed to owners.

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected:  
14V-074 School Bus - 567

(c)(8)(ii) Owners of 281 School Bus vehicles were notified on June 9, 2014.

(c)(10) A copy of communications sent to owners is attached.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

Cc: Amy Martin, CAL-OSHA  
Attachment

A Daimler Company

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**June 2014**  
**FL659A-C**  
**NHTSA # 14V-074 (School Buses)**  
**NHTSA # 14V-075 (Non School)**

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL** **Subject: Minotour Rear Floor Reinforcement**

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Daimler Trucks North America LLC (DTNA), on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary, Thomas Built Buses (TBB) has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Thomas Built Buses Minotour DRW school buses manufactured October 21, 2011 through January 16, 2014.

On certain buses, the floor reinforcement channels designed to provide additional support to the seat belt anchorage system were inadvertently omitted during the manufacturing process. Omitted floor reinforcement channels may decrease the effectiveness of the seat belt system, and increase the risk of injury during a crash.

Reinforcement channels will be added to the rear floor sections of the subject vehicles.

**To arrange for repairs, you should contact your local Thomas Built Bus dealer immediately.** Thomas will remedy this defect without charge. The repair should take approximately one hour depending on your vehicle, and will be performed at no charge to you. You may be liable for any progressive damage that results from your failure to complete the Recall within a reasonable time after receiving notification.

If you do not own the vehicle that corresponds to the identification number(s) which appears on the Recall Notification, please return the notification to the Warranty Department with any information you can furnish that will assist us in locating the present owner. If you have leased this vehicle, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to the lessee within 10 days.

If you have paid to have this recall condition corrected prior to this notice, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement. For further information, please contact the Warranty Department at (336) 889-4871, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time Monday through Friday. To find a dealer in your area please go to [www.thomasbus.com](http://www.thomasbus.com).

If you have any questions about this recall, please contact the Warranty Department at (336) 889-4871, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. If you are not able to have the defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236 (TTY: 800-424-9153); or to <http://www.safercar.gov>. In Canada, you may contact Transport Canada-road safety, 80 rue Noel, Gatineau, Quebec J8Z 0A1 or call (800) 333-0510.

We regret any inconvenience this action may cause but feel certain you understand our interest in motor vehicle safety.

THOMAS BUILT BUSES WARRANTY DEPARTMENT  
Enclosure