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NHTSA #18V-253 (School Buses)

#18V-254 (Non-School Buses)

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL See Attached VIN List

Subject: TBB SynTec S3B Seat Frames (Restraint Seats)

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, on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary, Thomas Built Buses, Inc., has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Saf-T-Liner C2, EFX, and HDX and Minotour school and non-school buses manufactured August 18, 2014, through February 5, 2018.

Under certain extreme operating conditions, such as adverse road conditions, repetitive shock loads, or occupant abuse, a metal fatigue crack may develop on the S3B seat rear wall mount bracket. Over time, such a crack may propagate and lead to fracturing of the wall mount bracket. A seat with a severely cracked or fractured wall mount bracket may increase the risk of injury to occupants in the event of a crash.

An additional wall bracket will be installed between the wall rail and the seat on each suspect seat.

This is the second notice regarding this recall and is to inform you the remedy is now available. **To arrange for repairs, you should contact your local Thomas Built Buses dealer immediately.** The repair may take up to three hours, depending on the number of seats affected, 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 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time Monday through Friday. To find a dealer in your area please go to 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>.

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