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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

See enclosed VIN list

Subject: TBB SMI Prolo Roof Hatches

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 Model Year 2019-2020 Thomas Built Buses Minotour and Saf-T-Liner C2, EFX, and HDX model buses manufactured September 10, 2018, through June 26, 2019, with certain Specialty Manufacturing Prolo 924X Series Roof Escape Hatches manufactured August 1, 2018, through May 20, 2019.

Certain roof escape hatches may have external cast handles that contain a higher than allowed/specified level of porosity or voids. This may create failure points in the handle, leading to breakage under reasonable use. A failure of the external release handle may delay the evacuation of the vehicle during an emergency, increasing the risk of injury.

Roof hatches will be inspected and the external handles replaced as needed.

This is the second letter regarding this subject. The repair is now available. **To arrange for repairs, you should contact your local Thomas Built Buses dealer immediately.** The repair should take up to an hour, depending on the work needed, and will be performed at no charge to you. You may also confirm your vehicle's involvement in this recall at this URL: <https://dtna-dirinfo.prd.freightliner.com:48518/VinLookup/vin-module/getVinLookupPage>.

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 Campaigns 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 are a subsequent stage manufacturer, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to your distributors and retail outlets within five working days. If you have paid to have this recall condition corrected prior to this notice, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement. Please see the reverse side of this notice for details.

If you have any questions about this recall, please contact the Warranty Campaigns Department at (800) 547-0712, 7:00 a. m to 4:00 p. m, 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.

WARRANTY CAMPAIGNS DEPARTMENT
Enclosure

Reimbursement to Customers for Repairs Performed Prior to Recall

If you have already **paid** to have this recall condition corrected you may be eligible to receive reimbursement.

Requests for reimbursement may include parts and labor. Reimbursement may be limited to the amount the repair would have cost if completed by an authorized Daimler Trucks North America LLC dealer. The following documentation must be presented to your dealer for consideration for reimbursement.

Please provide original or clear copies of all receipts, invoices, and repair orders that show:

- The name and address of the person who paid for the repair.
- The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the vehicle that was repaired.
- What problem occurred, what repair was done, when the repair was done.
- Who repaired the vehicle.
- The total cost of the repair expense that is being claimed.
- Proof of payment for the repair (such as the front and back of a cancelled check or a credit card receipt).

Reimbursement will be made by check from your Thomas Built Buses dealer.

Please speak with your Thomas Built Buses authorized dealer concerning this matter.