

April 22, 2021

Ms. Larissa Stoffels Exec Mgr, Vehicle Safety Daimler Trucks North America, LLC 4747 N. Channel Ave Portland, OR 97217

Subject: Positive Battery Cable Terminal May Short

Dear Ms. Stoffels:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Trucks North America, LLC'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 BUSES/MINOTOUR/2022

Mfr's Report Date: April 15, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-266

**Components:** ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:12V/24V/48V BATTERY:CABLES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 11

## **Problem Description:**

Daimler Trucks North America, LLC (DTNA) is recalling certain 2022 Thomas Built Buses Minotour. The positive battery cable terminals may contact a fuse block assembly attachment post and cause an electrical short circuit.

## **Consequence:**

A short-circuit can increase the risk of a fire.

## **Remedy:**

DTNA will notify owners, and dealers will remove a portion of the anti-rotation tab on both positive battery cable terminals near the fuse block assembly attachments, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin May 3, 2021. Owners may contact DTNA customer service at 1-800-547-0712. DTNA's number for this recall is FL885.

## 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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:



1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

> NEF-107MR 21V-266

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.

Daimler Trucks North America, LLC's contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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Alex Ansley Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation Enforcement

