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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL See enclosed VIN list

Subject: TBB Bendix ADB22X Brake Calipers

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 2010 to 2019 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner HDX, EFX, and C2 (Freightliner Custom Chassis B2 school bus chassis) buses manufactured March 16, 2009, through June 29, 2018.

On certain school buses, the Bendix ADB22X brake caliper on the left (driver side) rear corner may experience an unintended reduction in the gap between the brake pad and rotor (running clearance) during operation, which can lead to a dragging brake. In addition, if the gap between the brake pad and rotor is eliminated, it may lead to high temperatures at the wheel end. The high temperatures may lead to the presence of smoke, smoke odor, or a potential for fire, which could result in school bus emergency evacuation procedures in uncontrolled traffic situations.

The left rear caliper will be inspected and replaced, if needed, with a new caliper containing an updated clearance adjustment mechanism.

Repairs will begin August 31st. **Please contact an authorized dealer to make an appointment.** The repair should take two hours 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-dlrinfo.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. 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.

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) 3274236 (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