



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 06-057
Date Opened: 11/21/2006
Principal Investigator: Sonny Murianka
Subject: Seat Belts Webbing Abrading Frame

Manufacturer: Freightliner LLC
Products: Thomas Built Class "A" School Buses 1999-2001
Population: 3000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: The Seat Belt Webbing is being cut by the sharp edge of the seat brackets.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	2	0	0
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description Of Other: Two fleets reported numerous cut belts

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

Engineer: Sonny Murianka
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Summary: ODI is aware of two fleets alleging they have discovered numerous seat belts with cut webbing as a result of the webbing abrading against an under seat metal bracket. The subject vehicles are class "a" school buses weighing less than 10,000 pounds. There is a federal standard (FMVSS 208) requiring seat belt in this class of vehicles.

This PE is opened to gather additional information and determine how widespread the problem is.

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