



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Andy Jones
Daimler Trucks North America LLC
4747 N. Channel Ave.
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NVS-215KS
15V-842

Subject: Emergency Window Retention/FMVSS 217

Dear Mr. Jones:

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/SAF-T-LINER C2/2016

Mfr's Report Date: December 11, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-842

Components:

STRUCTURE:BODY:DOOR/WINDOW:EMERGENCY EXIT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,222

Problem Description:

Daimler Trucks North America, LLC (DTNA) is recalling certain model year 2016 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner C2 school buses manufactured May 1, 2015, to August 1, 2015. The affected buses are equipped with push-out tempered glass windows that may not remain attached to the bus in the event of a crash. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 217, "Bus Emergency Exits and Window Retention and Release."

Consequence:

In the event of a crash, the affected windows may not be able to retain the bus occupants, increasing their risk of injury.

Remedy:

DTNA will notify owners, and dealers will modify the windows to ensure that they meet the window retention requirements, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin February 9, 2016. Owners may contact DTNA customer service at 1-800-745-8000. DTNA's number for this recall is FL-697.

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.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement