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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

FL-698

Date of Submission: **12/11/15**

Manufacturer: Daimler Trucks North America LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208

Type of Report: Safety Defect Non-Compliance

Vehicle Information

Model Yr. Start: 2016 Model Yr. End: 2017

Make: *Thomas Built Buses*

Model: *Saf-T-Liner C2, Saf-T-Liner HDX, Saf-T-Liner EFX, Minotour DRW*

Production Dates: Begin: 8/19/2014
End: 10/22/2015

Descriptive Information:

Vehicles built with SynTec S3B seats 8/19/2014 through 10/22/2015

Number potentially involved: 508 Estimated percentage of involve with defect: 100%

Defect / Noncompliance Description

For this Defect/Noncompliance:

Describe the defect or noncompliance:

The Syntec S3B track seat may not provide sufficient strength to pass the FMVSS rearward push test. See SynTec NHTSA recall 15E-089.

If a noncompliance, provide the applicable FMVSS:

FMVSS 222

Check if this recall only affects products in certain geographic regions.

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Describe the safety risk:

Noncompliance to the FMVSS 222 rearward push test could result in passengers sustaining injuries in the knee area and/or impeding egress in the event of a collision. See SynTec NHTSA recall 15E-089.

If applicable, identify the manufacture of the defective or noncompliant component.

*SynTec Seating Solution, LLC
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Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination

Provide the chronology of events leading up to the defect decision or test data for the noncompliance decision.:

In late October 2015, Syntec notified DTNA of a potential issue with the S3B seat leg. DTNA worked with Syntec to understand the issue, determine the scope, and the potential impact on vehicles. In December 2015 DTNA decided to conduct a voluntary recall on certain Thomas Built Buses vehicles manufactured with Syntec S3B seats.

Identify the Remedy

Describe the defect/noncompliance remedy program, including the manufacture's plan for reimbursement.

SynTec will install a "toe-clamp" on the front feet of S3B track mounted seats to ensure compliance. Repairs will be performed by SynTec. Copies of the reimbursement plan will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

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Identify the Recall Schedule

Describe the recall schedule for notifications.:

Customer notification will be made by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected.

Planned Dealer Notification Begin Date: 02/09/2016

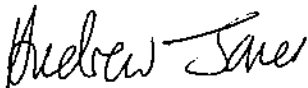
Planned Dealer Notification End Date: 02/09/2016

Planned Owner Notification Begin Date: 02/09/2016

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Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable): FL-698

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