



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

September 23, 2016

Mr. Andy Jones
Daimler Trucks North America LLC
4747 N. Channel Ave.
Portland, OR 97217

NEF-150KS
16V-657

Subject: Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Leak After Fast Fill

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 C2/2017

Mfr's Report Date: September 9, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-657

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER

FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER:STORAGE:TANK ASSEMBLY:FILLING/CHARGING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 114

Problem Description:

Daimler Trucks North America, LLC (DTNA) is recalling certain model year 2017 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner C2 school buses manufactured April 30, 2016, to July 29, 2016 and equipped with a compressed natural gas (CNG) engine. During a fast fuel fill, an internal seal on a filling valve may dislodge allowing fuel to leak after the tank has been filled.

Consequence:

A fuel leak in the presence of an ignition source may increase the risk of a fire.

Remedy:

DTNA has notified all affected owners and all of the vehicles have been remedied, therefore owner notification notices will not be issued for this campaign. Owners may contact DTNA customer service at 1-800-745-8000. DTNA's number for this recall is FL-720.

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:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the 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).

Please provide the date that the buses were repaired and you are required to provide one quarterly report to show that the recall campaign has been completed.

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 a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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