

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

16V-323

Manufacturer Name : Daimler Trucks North America LLC

Submission Date : MAY 13, 2016

NHTSA Recall No. : 16V-323

Manufacturer Recall No. : FL-708



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Daimler Trucks North America LLC

Address : 4747 N. Channel Avenue

Portland OR 97217-3849

Company phone : 800-745-8000

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 2,032

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2014-2017 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner HDX School Bus

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Certain EPA 2013 HDX School Buses

Production Dates : NOV 29, 2012 - FEB 04, 2016

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : A rubber elbow may have been used in place of a glass-filled nylon fitting. The elbow may restrict coolant flow and increase the stresses in the elbow. The increased stresses may lead to premature failure of the elbow.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : Failure of the rubber elbow may lead to a coolant leak inside the bus body increasing risk of injury to the passengers.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR
Address : NR
NR
Country : NR

Chronology :

At the end of January 2016, Thomas Buses received a report from a dealership describing failure of a rubber elbow on a coolant line connected to a heater inside of the bus. January 2016 through May 2016 Thomas Built Buses conducted an investigation to determine the scope and potential consequences of the issue, and discovered that an incorrect fitting may have been installed on the production line. On May 12, 2016 DTNA decided to conduct a voluntary recall on Certain Thomas Built Buses vehicles.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Buses built with the rubber elbow will have them replaced with a glass-filled nylon fitting. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America authorized service facilities. Copies of the reimbursement plan will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

Recall Schedule :

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

Planned Dealer Notification Date : JUL 10, 2016 - JUL 10, 2016

Planned Owner Notification Date : JUL 10, 2016 - JUL 10, 2016

* NR - Not Reported