

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

16V-395

Manufacturer Name : Daimler Trucks North America LLC

Submission Date : DEC 12, 2016

NHTSA Recall No. : 16V-395

Manufacturer Recall No. : FL-713



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 : 24,698

Estimated percentage with defect : NR

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2000-2017 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner MVP-EF

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : School Buses

Production Dates : JAN 04, 1999 - JUL 19, 2016

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

☐ Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 1998-2002 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner Conventional

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : School Buses

Production Dates : JAN 04, 1999 - FEB 02, 2001

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

☐ Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2000-2002 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner ER

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : School Buses

Production Dates : JAN 05, 1999 - JAN 31, 2002

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

☐ Not sequential

Vehicle 4 : 2000-2002 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner MVP-ER

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : School Buses

Production Dates : JAN 04, 1999 - FEB 02, 2001

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR

☐ Not sequential

Vehicle 5 : 1998-1999 Thomas Built Buses Vista

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : School Buses

Production Dates : JAN 04, 1999 - MAY 06, 1999

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR

☐ Not sequential

Vehicle 6 : 2003-2003 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner FS65

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : School Buses

Production Dates : JUL 05, 2000 - AUG 09, 2000

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR

☐ Not sequential

Vehicle 7 : 2013-2017 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner C2

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : School Buses

Production Dates : AUG 08, 2012 - JUL 19, 2016

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR

☐ Not sequential

Vehicle 8 : 2013-2017 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner HDX

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : School Bus

Production Dates : JUL 23, 2012 - JUL 19, 2016

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR

☐ Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The stem which joins the outside emergency door handle to the emergency door opening mechanism may potentially corrode. Excessive material loss of the stem due to corrosion could result in the outside handle separating from the door mechanism while trying to open the door from the exterior of the bus.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : In the event of an emergency, a person on the outside of the bus may cause the handle to separate from the opening mechanism while trying to open the emergency exit, potentially delaying evacuation and increasing the risk of injury to the vehicles occupants.

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 :

June 2015 DTNA decided to initiate a voluntary recall campaign (15V425 & 15V432) to recall certain vehicles equipped with an emergency door design that leads to a high rate of door handle stem corrosion. At the end of March 2016, DTNA received a report from a dealership that a door handle stem broke on a vehicle that was outside of the recall population. DTNA immediately began an investigation. DTNA identified 2 additional door handle stem configurations that may be susceptible to the high rate of corrosion. On May 31, 2016 DTNA decided to conduct a voluntary recall campaign to recall certain vehicles equipped with a door handle design not originally campaigned in 15V425 and 15V432 that leads to a high rate of door handle stem corrosion. DTNA was unable to verify that containment actions were fully implemented in production. DTNA added 756 school buses that may have been built with a door handle stem that was not primed to the recall population.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Stems will be inspected, and either replaced or protected against further corrosion. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :	NR	authorized service facilities. Copies of the reimbursement plan will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :	NR	

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule :	Customer notification will be by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected
Planned Dealer Notification Date :	JUL 29, 2016 - JUL 29, 2016
Planned Owner Notification Date :	JUL 29, 2016 - JUL 29, 2016

* NR - Not Reported