

# DAIMLER

## Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

### FL-700

**Date of Submission:** 02/09/2016

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

**Production Dates: Begin:** 05/01/2015

**End:** 11/16/2015

### Descriptive Information:

Vehicles manufactured with certain SMI Transpec Stop Arms.

**Number potentially involved:** 878 **Estimated percentage of involve with defect:** 71%

### Defect / Noncompliance Description:

#### For this Defect/Noncompliance:

#### Describe the defect or noncompliance:

Please see Specialty Manufacturing, Inc. (SMI) recall 15E-090. SMI has determined that, due to a process deficiency, the STOP decals on Transpec stop arms (part numbers T6000-, T6100-, T7000-) may not remain adhered to the plastic blade. Failure of the decal either in part or in total may cause the reflective surface to fail FMVSS 131 S5.3.1.

#### If a noncompliance, provide the applicable FMVSS:

FMVSS 131 (S5.3.1)

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

## **Describe the safety risk:**

Please see Specialty Manufacturing, Inc. (SMI) recall 15E-090. Without a reflective decal, the stop arms may have reduced visibility to other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

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

Specialty Manufacturing, Inc.

13501 South Ridge Drive

Charlotte, NC 28273

## **Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination**

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

In November 2015, Specialty Manufacturing, Inc. notified DTNA of a potential issue with transpec stop arm reflective decal. DTNA worked with SMI to determine the scope, and the potential impact on vehicles. In February 2016 DTNA decided to conduct a voluntary recall on certain Thomas Built Buses vehicles manufactured with SMI transpec stop arm.

## **Identify the Remedy**

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

SMI will provide a replacement blade assembly directly to the customers. Copies of the reimbursement plan will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

## **Identify the Recall Schedule**

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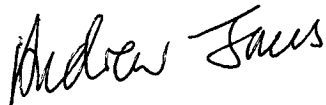
**Describe the recall schedule for notifications.:**

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

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| <b>Planned Dealer Notification Begin Date:</b> | 04/09/2016 |
| <b>Planned Dealer Notification End Date:</b>   | 04/09/2016 |
| <b>Planned Owner Notification Begin Date:</b>  | 04/09/2016 |
| <b>Planned Owner Notification End Date:</b>    | 04/09/2016 |

**Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable):** FL-700

**DTNA Representative;**



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