

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

17V-217

Manufacturer Name : Daimler Trucks North America LLC

Submission Date : MAR 29, 2017

NHTSA Recall No. : 17V-217

Manufacturer Recall No. : FL-734



Manufacturer Information :

Population :

Manufacturer Name : Daimler Trucks North America LLC

Number of potentially involved : 1

Address : 4747 N. Channel Avenue

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Portland OR 97217-3849

Company phone : 800-745-8000

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2016-2016 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner C2

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Certain Saf-T-Liner C2 school buses with 8.0L propane engine and Allison Transmission

Production Dates : NOV 18, 2014 - NOV 18, 2014

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : On the effected vehicles, the transmission grade brake may remain activated after the driver tries to deactivate it to manage certain road conditions. In addition, when the disable switch is depressed the light illuminates to indicate that the grade brake is disengaged but the system may remain active.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : Using the grade brake in certain low traction conditions may result in loss of traction, due to aggressive downshifting by the grade brake, increasing the risk of crash.

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 :

October 2016, DTNA began investigating the function of the grade brake. As the investigation continued it was discovered that an incompatibility in the options ordered led to the issue where the grade brake could not be disengaged. DTNA did not receive any reports of the issue impacting the vehicle handling, and therefore DTNA was unable to evaluate the potential impact on vehicle performance. At the end of March 2017, out of an abundance of caution, DTNA decided to initiate a voluntary recall for certain FCCC vehicles.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The vehicle programming will be updated. 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 : DTNA will notify customers. Customer notification will be made by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAY 27, 2017 - MAY 27, 2017

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAY 27, 2017 - MAY 27, 2017

* NR - Not Reported