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Defect Information Report (Section 573.6)

FL-733

Date of Submission: **February 27, 2017**

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: 2017 Model Yr. End: 2018
Make: *Thomas Built Buses*
Model: *Saf-T-Liner HDX*
Production Dates: Begin: 09/12/2016
End: 12/21/2016

Descriptive Information:

School Buses

Number potentially involved: 149 Estimated percentage of involve with defect: *Unknown*

Defect / Noncompliance Description

For this Defect/Noncompliance:

Describe the defect or noncompliance:

The upper pinch bolt in certain Saf-T-Liner HDX school buses my not have been torqued to the proper specification.

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If a noncompliance, provide the applicable FMVSS:

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

Describe the safety risk:

The defect could lead to a loss of mechanical connection between the steering wheel and the front axle wheels. This could lead to a loss of control of the vehicle

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

N/A

Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination

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

On January 27, 2017 DTNA received a report of a steering shaft separating from the steering wheel and began an investigation. DTNA inspected all Saf-T-Liner HDX buses at Thomas Built Buses facilities prior to release and no under torque pinch bolts were found. February 2017, out of an abundance of caution, DTNA decided to initiate a voluntary recall campaign.

Identify the Remedy

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

The upper steering shaft pinch bolt will be inspected to ensure proper torque. 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.

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Identify the Recall Schedule

Describe the recall schedule for notifications.:

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

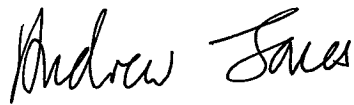
Planned Dealer Notification Begin Date:	<i>03/10/2017</i>
Planned Dealer Notification End Date:	<i>03/10/2017</i>
Planned Owner Notification Begin Date:	<i>03/15/2017</i>
Planned Owner Notification End Date:	<i>03/15/2017</i>

Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable): *FL-733*

Manufactures Comments to NHTSA Staff

DTNA began calling affected customers and dealers to notify them of the potential defect on 02/24/2017.

DTNA Representative;



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