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## Defect Information Report (Section 573.6)

**FL-734**

Date of Submission: **3/29/2017**

Manufacturer: Daimler Trucks North America LLC  
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Type of Report:  Safety Defect  Non-Compliance

### Vehicle Information

Model Yr. Start: 2016 Model Yr. End: 2016  
Make: *Thomas Built Buses*  
Model: *Saf-T-Liner C2*  
Production Dates: Begin: *11/18/2014*  
End: *11/18/2014*

### Descriptive Information:

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

Number potentially involved: 1 Estimated percentage of involve with defect: 100%

### Defect / Noncompliance Description

#### For this Defect/Noncompliance:

#### Describe the defect or noncompliance:

*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.*

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

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

#### Describe 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.*

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

*N/A*

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## Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination

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

*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.*

## Identify the Remedy

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

*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.*

## Identify the Recall Schedule

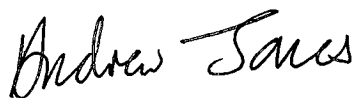
**Describe the recall schedule for notifications.:**

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

<b>Planned Dealer Notification Begin Date:</b>	<i>5/27/2017</i>
<b>Planned Dealer Notification End Date:</b>	<i>5/27/2017</i>
<b>Planned Owner Notification Begin Date:</b>	<i>5/27/2017</i>
<b>Planned Owner Notification End Date:</b>	<i>5/27/2017</i>

**Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable):** *FL-734*

DTNA Representative;



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