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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

FL-735

Date of Submission: *May 11, 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: 2016 Model Yr. End: 2018
Make: *Thomas Built Buses*
Model: *Minotour DRW*
Production Dates: Begin: *10/2/2014*
End: *2/20/2017*

Descriptive Information:

School Bus vehicles built with certain seat options

Number potentially involved: 22 Estimated percentage of involve with defect: *Unknown*

Defect / Noncompliance Description

For this Defect/Noncompliance:

Describe the defect or noncompliance:

Seat reinforcement brackets may not have been properly installed underneath the seat rail as intended by the design. The seat may not meet the seat anchorage requirements without the reinforcement bracket properly installed.

If a noncompliance, provide the applicable FMVSS:

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

Describe the safety risk:

In the event of a crash, a seat that does not meet the seat anchorage requirements may increase the risk of injury.

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.:

At the end of February 2017 DTNA received a report from a dealer that recently delivered vehicles did not have the reinforcement brackets properly installed. DTNA began an investigation to attempt to determine the scope and potential impact of the issue. In May 2017, out of an abundance of caution, DTNA decided to conduct a voluntary recall on certain Thomas Built Buses Minotour DRW school buses.

Identify the Remedy

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

The school bus seats will be inspected and the reinforcement brackets will be installed if necessary. 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.:

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>07/09/2017</i>
Planned Dealer Notification End Date:	<i>07/09/2017</i>
Planned Owner Notification Begin Date:	<i>07/09/2017</i>
Planned Owner Notification End Date:	<i>07/09/2017</i>

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Manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): *FL-735*

Manufactures Comments to NHTSA Staff

DTNA Representative;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andy Jones
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