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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

FL-737

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: 2014 Model Yr. End: 2018
Make: *Thomas Built Buses*
Model: *Saf-T-Liner HDX, Saf-T-Liner EFX*
Production Dates: Begin: 2/7/2013
End: 12/22/2016

Descriptive Information:

School Bus vehicles built with certain wall mount seat options

Number potentially involved: 1132 Estimated percentage of involve with defect: *Unknown*

Defect / Noncompliance Description

For this Defect/Noncompliance:

Describe the defect or noncompliance:

Seats may not have been properly installed with under-rail washers as intended by the design. The seat may not meet the seat anchorage requirements without the under-rail washers 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.:

In January 2017 DTNA identified seats in the production plant that were not properly installed with under-rail washers. 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 Saf-T-Liner HDX and Saf-T-Liner EFX 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 mounting hardware will be replaced 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: 07/09/2017

Planned Dealer Notification End Date: 07/09/2017

Planned Owner Notification Begin Date: 07/09/2017

Planned Owner Notification End Date: 07/09/2017

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Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable): *FL-737*

Manufactures Comments to NHTSA Staff

DTNA Representative;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Andy Jones
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