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## Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

**FL-736**

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: 2013 Model Yr. End: 2018  
Make: *Thomas Built Buses*  
Model: *Saf-T-Liner HDX*  
Production Dates: Begin: *10/28/2011*  
End: *1/9/2017*

### Descriptive Information:

*School Bus vehicles built with certain seat options*

Number potentially involved: *152* Estimated percentage of involve with defect: *Unknown*

### Defect / Noncompliance Description

#### For this Defect/Noncompliance:

#### Describe the defect or noncompliance:

*The seat lap belt may have been anchored to the seat instead of the bus structure. If the seat lap belt is anchored to the seat it may not meet the seat belt anchorage requirements.*

#### 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 lap belt that does not meet the 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 February 2017 DTNA identified lap belts in the production plant that were not properly anchored. 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 school buses.*

## **Identify the Remedy**

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

*The lap belts will be inspected and the anchorage will be modified 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

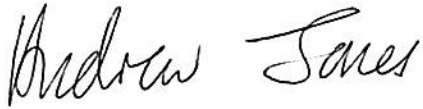
**Planned Owner Notification End Date:** 07/09/2017

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Manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): *FL-736*

## Manufactures Comments to NHTSA Staff

DTNA Representative;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and 'J'.

Andy Jones  
Manager  
Compliance and Regulatory Affairs