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## Defect Information Report (Section 573.6)

**FL-747**

Date of Submission: **September 21, 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 C2*  
Production Dates: Begin: 09/04/2013  
End: 05/15/2017

### Descriptive Information:

*Certain School Buses Built with Freedman 3-Point Belted Seats*

Number potentially involved: 53 Estimated percentage of involve with defect:

### Defect / Noncompliance Description

#### For this Defect/Noncompliance:

#### Describe the defect or noncompliance:

Certain Freedman 3-Point belted seats may not meet the anchorage requirements due to a missing reinforcement bracket.

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

N/A

#### Describe the cause:

Do not use this field

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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 anchorage requirements may increase the risk of injury.*

## **Identify any warning which can precede or occur:**

Do not use this field

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

*Freedman Seating Company*

*4545 W Augusta Blvd*

*Chicago, IL 60655*

## **Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination**

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

*In mid June of 2016, Thomas Built Buses identified a bus in the plant that was missing a reinforcing bracket. DTNA began a thorough investigation into the missing reinforcement bracket to determine the scope and potential impact to the seat anchorage. In September 2017, out of an abundance of caution, DTNA decided to initiate a voluntary safety recall on certain Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner HDX and Saf-T-Liner C2 vehicles to address a potential issue with the Freedman 3-Point Belted seat anchorage.*

## **Identify the Remedy**

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

*Buses will be inspected and reinforcement brackets will be installed as needed. 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.:**

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*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:** 11/19/2017  
**Planned Dealer Notification End Date:** 11/19/2017  
**Planned Owner Notification Begin Date:** 11/19/2017  
**Planned Owner Notification End Date:** 11/19/2017

**Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable):** FL-747

**Manufactures Comments to NHTSA Staff**

**DTNA Representative;**



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