

Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

FL-753

Date of Submission: **11/17/2017**

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: 2017
Make: *Thomas Built Buses*
Model: *Saf-T-Liner C2, Saf-T-Liner EFX, Saf-T-Liner HDX, Minotour SRW*
Production Dates: Begin: 12/1/2015
End: 2/2/2016

Descriptive Information:

School buses built with a potentially defective IMMI seat

Number potentially involved: 51 Estimated percentage of involve with defect: *Unknown*

Defect / Noncompliance Description

For this Defect/Noncompliance:

Describe the defect or noncompliance:

Per IMMI "Certain IMMI school bus seat assemblies equipped with 3-point lap and shoulder belts do not satisfy the requirements of S4.2 of FMVSS 210. There is a potential that when under a sufficient load, the buckle mount rod will fracture. "

If a noncompliance, provide the applicable FMVSS:

FMVSS 210

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

Describe the safety risk:

A seat belt assembly that does not meet the requirements of FMVSS 210 may increase the risk of injury to the occupants in a crash.

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

*Indiana Mills and Manufacturing Inc.
18881 IMMI Way
Westfield, Indiana 46074*

Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination

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

In October 2017 IMMI notified DTNA that they were recalling certain seats equipped with 3-point lap and shoulder belts. DTNA began an investigation to understand the potential consequences and identify any buses that the IMMI seats were installed in. In November 2017, DTNA decided to voluntarily recall certain Thomas Built Buses equipped with suspect IMMI seats with 3-point lap and shoulder belts.

Identify the Remedy

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

The seat belt buckle rods will be replaced on affected seats. 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: 01/15/2018

Planned Dealer Notification End Date: 01/15/2018

Planned Owner Notification Begin Date: 01/15/2018

Planned Owner Notification End Date: 01/15/2018

Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable): FL-753

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