

## Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

**FL-759**

**Date of Submission:** January 30, 2018

**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:** 2002      **Model Yr. End:** 2017

**Make:** Thomas Built Bus

**Model:** Saf-T-Liner C2, FS65, Saf-T-Liner HDX, MinoTour

**Production Dates:**    **Begin:** 04/15/2002

**End:** 12/11/2015

### Descriptive Information:

School buses equipped with certain Kidde disposable fire extinguishers.

**Number potentially involved:** 606    **Estimated percentage of involve with defect:** Unknown

### Defect / Noncompliance Description

#### For this Defect/Noncompliance:

**Describe the defect or noncompliance:** Kidde states per NHTSA recall 17E-062 "The fire extinguishers may become clogged or require excessive force to activate. In certain models, the nozzle may detach from the valve assembly with enough force that it could cause injury and also render the product inoperable."

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

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

**Describe the safety risk:**

Kidde states per NHTSA recall 17E-062 "If a fire extinguisher does not function properly, it is possible that someone could be injured or killed in a fire."

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

*Kidde Safety*

*1016 Corporate Park Dr*

*Mebane NC 27302*

**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, DTNA became aware of a potential issue related to certain Kidde fire extinguishers. DTNA began an investigation to determine the scope and consequences of the issue. In November 2017, Kidde releases CPSC Recall 18-022 and NHTSA Recall 17E-062. In December 2017, DTNA decided to initiate a voluntary safety recall for non-school vehicles equipped with potentially defective Kidde fire extinguishers. Late December, Kidde informs DTNA that certain Canadian specified fire extinguishers may have been installed in certain Thomas Built Bus school buses. In January 2018, further investigation revealed that certain US school buses were also equipped with the affected Canadian fire extinguishers. In January 2018, DTNA decided to initiate a voluntary safety recall for school buses equipped with potentially defective Kidde Canadian specified fire extinguishers.

**Identify the Remedy**

**Describe the defect/noncompliance remedy program, including the manufacture's plan for reimbursement.** Kidde will provide a replacement extinguisher. Copies of the reimbursement plan will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

**Identify the Recall Schedule****Describe the recall schedule for notifications.:**

Kidde will notify affected owners via customer notification letter by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records. Kidde will report quarterly completion rates on behalf of Daimler Trucks North America.

**Planned Dealer Notification Begin Date:** 03/30/2018

**Planned Dealer Notification End Date:** 03/30/2018

**Planned Owner Notification Begin Date:** 03/30/2018

**Planned Owner Notification End Date:** 03/30/2018

**Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable):** FL-759

## Manufactures Comments to NHTSA Staff

Owner notification will be conducted by Kidde using contact information supplied by DTNA. Quarterly reports will be submitted by Kidde on behalf of DTNA.

**DTNA Representative;**



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