



**Defect Information Report**  
(Section 573.6)

**FL-770**

Date of Submission: **May 8, 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:      2012      Model Yr. End: 2018  
Make: *Thomas Built Buses*  
Model: *Minotour*  
Production Dates:    Begin: 5/5/2012  
   End: 01/09/2018

**Descriptive Information:**

*Certain Minotour School buses built on a Ford chassis with an optional wheelchair lift*

Number potentially involved: 1688    Estimated percentage of involve with defect: *Unknown*

**Defect / Noncompliance Description**

**For this Defect/Noncompliance:**

**Describe the defect or noncompliance:**

*On certain Minotour buses equipped with a wheelchair lift, the interlock may not prevent the wheelchair lift from operating while the vehicle gear shifter is in neutral or drive. The issue may be due to a missing relay in the interlock wiring harness.*

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

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

**Describe the safety risk:**

*If the vehicle is moved while the wheelchair lift is in operation there is an increased risk of injury.*

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

## Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination

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

*On January 31, 2018, a dealership reported that a group of new buses could be moved while the wheelchair lift was in operation. DTNA began an investigation to understand what the causes of the issue were, the consequences, and to determine the scope of the issue. DTNA found that there may be a relay missing in an electrical harness unique to the Minotour buses built on a Ford chassis. On May 8, 2018 DTNA decided to voluntarily recall certain Thomas Built Buses Minotour vehicles equipped with wheelchair lifts.*

## Identify the Remedy

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

*The wheelchair lift wiring will be inspected and repaired 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.:**

*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:** 07/06/2018

**Planned Dealer Notification End Date:** 07/06/2018

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Planned Owner Notification Begin Date: 07/06/2018

Planned Owner Notification End Date: 07/06/2018

Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable): FL-770

Manufactures Comments to NHTSA Staff

DTNA Representative;



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