

## Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

**FL-785**

**Date of Submission:** *August 23 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:** 2015 **Model Yr. End:** 2019

**Make:** *Thomas Built Buses*

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

**Production Dates:** **Begin:** *06/16/2014*

**End:** *01/11/2018*

**Descriptive Information:** *School buses with certain S series or K series titanium wheelchair lifts identified in Ricon recall 18E044*

**Number potentially involved:** 84 **Estimated percentage of involve with defect:** 100%

### Defect / Noncompliance Description

**For this Defect/Noncompliance:**

**Describe the defect or noncompliance:**

*Ricon states per NHTSA recall 18E-044, "The lift positioning input cam may fail while the lift is in use." Reference Ricon NHTSA Equipment recall 18E-044.*

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

**Describe the safety risk:**

*Ricon states per NHTSA recall 18E-044, "If the position input cam fails and the lift operator continues to press the "up" button on the operating pendant while the lift is occupied, the cutoff switch is disabled and the platform can travel past the vehicle floor height, potentially causing the occupant to tip inwards, toward the vehicle." Reference Ricon NHTSA Equipment recall 18E-044.*

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

*Manufacturer Name: Ricon Corporation*

*Address: 1135 Aviation Place*

*San Fernando CA 91340-1460*

*Company Phone: 1-800-322-2884*

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

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

*In July 2018, DTNA was notified of a potential safety defect on certain Ricon Lifts. DTNA began an investigation to evaluate the potential defect and to determine the scope of the issue and establish the potentially affected population based on the information supplied by Ricon. In August 2018, DTNA determined that a safety related defect exists in vehicles equipped with the affected Ricon lifts.*

## **Identify the Remedy**

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

*A remedy is still being developed by Ricon, once the remedy is available, repairs will be performed by Ricon Corporation authorized service facilities. Customer notification will be done by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected.*

## **Identify the Recall Schedule**

**Describe the recall schedule for notifications.:**

*Customer notification will be made by first class mail using Daimler Truck North America records to determine the customers affected.*

**Planned Dealer Notification Begin Date:** 10/21/2018

**Planned Dealer Notification End Date:** 10/21/2018

**Planned Owner Notification Begin Date:** 10/21/2018

**Planned Owner Notification End Date:** 10/21/2018

**Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable):** FL-785

**DTNA Representative;**



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