Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

FL-809

Date of Submission: February 27th, 2019

Manufacturer:

Daimler Trucks North America LLC

P.O. BOX 3849

Portland, Oregon 97208

Type of Report:

Safety Defect

X Non-Compliance

Vehicle Information

Model Yr. Start:

2019

Model Yr. End: 2020

Make: Thomas Built Buses

Model: Saf-T-Liner C2

Production Dates:

Begin: 09/11/2018

End: 12/14/2018

Descriptive Information:

Certain school buses within the build range, built without ABS module

Number potentially involved 259

Estimated percentage of involve with defect: 6%

Defect / Noncompliance Description

For this Defect/Noncompliance:

Describe the defect or noncompliance:

On the affected School Buses, the ABS modules may not have been installed as required by FMVSS 121 S5.1.6.

If a noncompliance, provide the applicable FMVSS: FMVSS 121 S5.1.6

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

Describe the safety risk:

The operator may not be aware of the absence of ABS function. Unknowingly operating the vehicle without ABS function may increase risk of a crash.

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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 7th, 2019 Thomas Build Buses was advised by our transporting contractor of ABS lamp malfunction due to ABS module omission, while completed vehicles were being transferred from our plant to the customers. DTNA began investigation to understand scope of issue. Early February 2019 DTNA began field inspection of vehicles within the impacted population exposure. February 2019, with an abundance of caution, DTNA decided to initiate a voluntary recall.

Identify the Remedy

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

School buses will be inspected and ABS module will be installed where necessary. 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: 04/27/2019
Planned Dealer Notification End Date: 04/27/2019
Planned Owner Notification Begin Date: 04/27/2019
Planned Owner Notification End Date: 04/27/2019

Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable): FL-809

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