

## Noncompliance Information Report

(Section 573.6)

**FL-843**

Date of Submission: *December 17, 2019*

Manufacturer: Daimler Trucks North America LLC  
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Type of Report:  Safety Defect  Non-Compliance

### Vehicle Information

Model Yr. Start: 2011 Model Yr. End: 2021

Make: *Thomas Built Buses*

Model: *Saf-T-Liner HDX*

Production Dates: Begin: *10/21/2009*

End: *12/16/2019*

Descriptive Information: *Certain Saf-T-Liner HDX School Buses built with a wall mounted barrier at the 1st rafter on the passenger side manufactured within the above dates.*

Number potentially involved: 7601 Estimated percentage of involve with defect: 100%

### Defect / Noncompliance Description

For this Defect/Noncompliance:

Describe the defect or noncompliance: *On the affected school buses, the forward barrier may not meet the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 222, S5.2.3: Barrier performance forward.*

If a noncompliance, provide the applicable FMVSS: *FMVSS 222*

Describe the safety risk: *In the affected population, the forward barrier has the potential to not meet the requirements of S5.2.3 of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 222. In the event of a crash, if the occupant contacts the barrier they may experience higher impact than intended which may result in injury to the occupant. There have been no reported injuries or accidents related to this defect.*

## Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination

**Provide the chronology of events leading up to the defect decision or test data for the noncompliance decision.:** *October 30, 2019 NHTSA notified DTNA of potential noncompliance with FMVSS 222, S5.2.3: Barrier performance forward relating to certain barriers equipped on the Saf-T-Liner HDX School Buses. Based on the information provided by NHTSA's testing, DTNA began to investigate the issue to evaluate the potential noncompliance and to determine the scope and establish the potentially affected population. November 2019 DTNA requested a visit to NHTSA's test facility to review findings. December 11, 2019, DTNA visited the NHTSA test facility to review test procedure and findings with NHTSA. December 17, 2019, DTNA determined that a non-compliance exists on certain vehicles built with the suspect barrier mounted at the 1st rafter on the passenger side.*

## Identify the Remedy

**Describe the defect/noncompliance remedy program, including the manufacture's plan for reimbursement.:** *Daimler Trucks North America is currently working on a plan for repairs. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America authorized service facilities. Details of the reimbursement plan will be included in the owner's notification letter.*

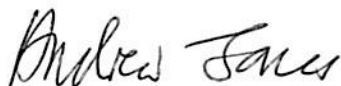
## Identify the Recall Schedule

**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.*

<b>Planned Dealer Notification Begin Date:</b>	<i>02/14/2020</i>
<b>Planned Dealer Notification End Date:</b>	<i>02/14/2020</i>
<b>Planned Owner Notification Begin Date:</b>	<i>02/14/2020</i>
<b>Planned Owner Notification End Date:</b>	<i>02/14/2020</i>

**Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable):** *FL-843*

**DTNA Representative;**



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