

## Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

**FL-885**

**Date of Submission:** *April 15, 2021*

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

### Vehicle Information

**Model Yr. Start:** 2022 **Model Yr. End:** 2022

**Make:** *Thomas Built Buses*

**Model:** *Minotour*

**Production Dates:** **Begin:** *12/1/2020*

**End:** *3/10/2021*

**Descriptive Information:** *Certain school buses manufactured with a GMC Savannah or Chevrolet Express Chassis cab built within the referenced above dates that may contain a defect defined in General Motors (GM) vehicle recall 21V-189.*

**Number potentially involved:** 11 **Estimated percentage of involve with defect:** 100%

### Defect / Noncompliance Description

**For this Defect/Noncompliance:**

**Describe the defect or noncompliance:**

*Per GM recall 21V-189, GM identified vehicles that may contain a defective positive battery cable terminal. GM states in these vehicles "anti-rotation tabs on the positive battery cable terminals may come into contact with a fuse block assembly attachment post, causing a short circuit."*

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

**Describe the safety risk:**

*Per GM recall 21V-189: "A short-circuit of a positive battery cable to a fuse attachment post can cause battery drain or may lead to an underhood fire"*

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

*Per GM recall 21V-189: CABLE ASM – BAT POSITIVE P/N 84911210, 84911211, 84911212, 84911213*

**Basis for determining the population (573.6(c)(2)):**

Vehicles identified in GM's recall 21V-189.

**Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination****Provide the chronology of events leading up to the defect decision or test data for the noncompliance decision.:**

*Late March 2021, GM notified Thomas Built Buses (TBB) of a recall and provided a VIN list of chassis cabs that were at TBB. TBB placed a hold on the identified VINS per GM's instructions. DTNA requested information regarding the filing and requested further information to determine if additional DTNA vehicles are affected. DTNA opened an investigation to determine potential field exposure. DTNA estimated the effected field population based on the information provided in GM recall 21V-189. April 9<sup>th</sup>, 202021 DTNA with an abundance of caution, decided to conduct a voluntary recall on the GM identified vehicles.*

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

*GM will be responsible handling all aspects of this recall. GM dealers remove a portion of the anti-rotation tab on both positive battery cable terminals near the engine compartment fuse block assembly attachments. Repairs will be performed by GM authorized service facilities. Customer notification will be done by GM using first class mail using GM records to determine the customers affected. GM will provide quarterly reports.*

## Identify the Recall Schedule

### Describe the recall schedule for notifications.:

*General Motors to provide Customer notification and will be made using GM records to determine the customers affected. – DTNA will not be mailing out any owner notification.*

**Planned Dealer Notification Begin Date:** 05/03/2021

**Planned Dealer Notification End Date:** 05/03/2021

**Planned Owner Notification Begin Date:** 05/03/2021

**Planned Owner Notification End Date:** 05/03/2021

**Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable):** FL-885

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