

Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

FL-892

Date of Submission: June 17, 2021

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

Vehicle Information

Model Yr. Start: 2018 **Model Yr. End:** 2022

Make: Thomas Built Buses

Model: Saf-T-Liner HDX School Bus

Production Dates: **Begin:** 06/13/2017 **End:** 12/14/2020

Type: Buses, Medium & Heavy Duty Vehicles

Descriptive Information: Saf-T-Liner HDX school buses with certain seat configurations

Number potentially involved: 9 **Estimated percentage of involve with defect:** 100%

Defect / Noncompliance Description

For this Defect/Noncompliance:

Describe the defect or noncompliance: Certain Saf-T-Liner HDX school buses may have been manufactured with combinations of passenger seats that do not meet the seat back area requirements of FMVSS 222 S5.1.2.

If a noncompliance, provide the applicable FMVSS: 222

Describe the safety risk: In the event of a collision, seats that do not meet the requirements of FMVSS 222 S5.1.2 may increase the risk of injury.

Identify any warning which can precede or occur:

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

Involved Components

Component Name: N/A

Component Description:

Component Part Number:

Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination

Provide the chronology of events leading up to the defect decision or test data for the noncompliance decision. In May 2021 a Thomas Built Buses (TBB) employee identified a potential issue with the passenger seat configuration in a bus and promptly began an investigation. The bus was configured with bucket style passenger seats that are a low volume option. TBB reviewed build records to determine if other buses were built with the same configuration, identifying one other combination of passenger seats that required review. In June 2021, TBB completed its analysis for the 2 passenger seat combinations in questions. June 11, 2021, DTNA decided to initiate a voluntary noncompliance recall for Saf-T-liner HDX school buses with certain passenger seat combinations.

Identify the Remedy

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

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:

The rear passenger seats will be replaced to provide a seating configuration that meets FMVSS 222 S5.1.2. 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: 08/09/2021

Planned Dealer Notification End Date: 08/09/2021

Planned Owner Notification Begin Date: 08/09/2021

Planned Owner Notification End Date: 08/09/2021

Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable): FL-892

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