

Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

FL-909

Date of Submission: November 23, 2021

Manufacturer: Daimler Trucks North America LLC

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Type of Report: Safety Defect X Non-Compliance

Vehicle Information

Model Yr. Start: 2020 Model Yr. End: 2020

Make: Thomas Built Buses
Model: Saf-T-Liner® HDX

Production Dates: Begin: 5/14/2019 **End:** 5/14/2019

Type: Non School Bus

Descriptive Information: Saf-T-Liner HDX **Number potentially involved:** 1 vehicle

Estimated percentage of involve with defect: 100 %

Defect / Noncompliance Description

For this Defect/Noncompliance:

Describe the defect or noncompliance:

On the affected vehicle, the chassis was built without electronic stability control hardware and software but put into a service that required FMVSS 136 ESC. As a result, the vehicle failed to comply with the requirements of FMVSS 136 - Electronic Stability Control Systems.

If a noncompliance, provide the applicable FMVSS: FMVSS 136

Describe the safety risk:

In an emergency maneuver a vehicle that does not comply with the FMVSS 136 requirements may have an increased risk of a crash.

Identify any warning which can precede or occur:

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

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Involved Components

Component Name: Air Disc Brake System and ESC system

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 August 2021, Thomas Built Buses began an internal review FMVSS 136 ESC requirements. From September 2021 through October 2021, staff conducted a thorough assessment of all buses that were thought to be at risk of having noncompliances. This assessment identified 1 bus that was manufactured without an ESC system as required by FMVSS 136 ESC. Promptly upon determining the noncompliance, in November 2021 DTNA decided to conduct a noncompliance recall.

Identify the Remedy

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

The remedy is to install an electronic stability control system. Repairs will be made 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.

Planned Dealer Notification Begin Date:01/16/2022Planned Dealer Notification End Date:01/16/2022Planned Owner Notification Begin Date:01/16/2022Planned Owner Notification End Date:01/16/2022

Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable): FL-909

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