

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

This notice applies to your vehicle(s), see enclosed VIN list.

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NHTSA #23V-333 (School Buses)

Interim Notice

Subject: TBB C2 Interior Side Sheet Joint

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the *National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act*.

Daimler Truck North America LLC (DTNA), on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary, Thomas Built Buses, has decided that certain model years 2021-2024 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner C2 school buses manufactured January 24, 2020, through April 18, 2023, fail to conform to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 221, "School bus body joint strength."

On the affected vehicles, the rear interior joint formed by the D-panel overlapping the side-sheet at the last rafter may have been manufactured incorrectly, resulting in insufficient joint strength, increasing the risk of injury in a crash.

This is the first of two notices you will receive regarding this subject. This letter is to inform you of an upcoming Recall to correct the issue noted above. Daimler Truck is currently validating the final repair and securing replacement parts. **There is no action for you to take at this time.**

A second notice will inform you when the final, **free remedy** is available. **When you receive the second notice**, please contact your authorized Daimler Truck North America dealer to schedule the repair for your vehicle.

If you do not own the vehicle that corresponds to the identification number(s) which appears on the Recall Notification, please return the notification to the Warranty Campaigns Department with any information you can furnish that will assist us in locating the present owner. If you have leased this vehicle, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to the lessee within 10 days. If you are a subsequent stage manufacturer, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to your distributors and retail outlets within five working days.

If you have questions about this Recall, please contact the Warranty Campaigns Department at (800) 547-0712, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday, e-mail address DTNA.Warranty.Campaigns@Daimlertruck.com. For other concerns, you may contact the Customer Assistance Center at (800) 385-4357. If your manufacturer, distributor, or dealer fails to remedy the defect or noncompliance without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590; or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236 (TTY: 800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.nhtsa.gov>.

We regret any inconvenience this action may cause but feel certain you understand our interest in motor vehicle safety.

WARRANTY CAMPAIGNS DEPARTMENT

Enclosure