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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

25V694

Manufacturer Name: Daimler Trucks North America, LLC

Submission Date: Oct 23, 2025

NHTSA Recall No.: 25V694

Manufacturer Recall No.: F1026

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Daimler Trucks North
America, LLC
Address: 4747 N. Channel Avenue
Portland OR, 97217-3849

Total number of potentially involved: 2
Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 THOMAS BUILT BUSES SAF-T-LINER HDX2

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Mar 05, 2025 - Apr 08, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 2

Descriptive Information:

The recall population includes certain model year 2026 Thomas Built Buses (TBB) Saf-T-Liner HDX2 school buses. The affected vehicles have certain exterior body panel joints that may not meet the tensile strength requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 221, School bus body joint strength.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

A noncompliance with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 221, school bus body joint strength, may exist in certain model year 2026 TBB Saf-T-Liner HDX2 school buses. In the affected vehicles, certain exterior body panel joints may not meet the tensile strength requirements of FMVSS No. 221, S5.1.

FMVSS1: 221 - School bus body joint strength

FMVSS2:

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

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One or more body joint(s) that do not meet the joint strength requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 221 may increase the risk of injury in a crash.

Description of the cause:

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type: Other

Name: Daimler Truck North America

Address: 4747 N. Channel Avenue
Portland OR, 97217

Country: United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Lap Joints

Component Description: Exterior Lap Joints

Component Part Number: 100427

Chronology

In August 2025, an internal manufacturing audit of buses at the TBB manufacturing facility identified that during manufacturing adhesive may not have been applied in accordance with the documented manufacturing instructions at certain exterior joints at the rear of the vehicle and in the area of the driver's compartment. TBB initiated an investigation to assess the potential impact and scope of this deviation. As part of the investigation, TBB conducted a comprehensive review of assembly procedures, examined production records, and inspected additional vehicles at the manufacturing facility.

During this review, TBB identified other vehicles at its facility that did not follow the documented process for applying adhesive to the exterior joints in the above noted locations. TBB identified two units that had been delivered to dealer locations. Due to the inability to conclusively verify whether the adhesive was applied consistent with production requirements on these two specific units, on October 06, 2025, Daimler Trucks North America decided that it could not confirm that the vehicles meet the tensile strength requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 221 and decided to initiate a voluntary noncompliance recall. Neither DTNA nor TBB is aware of any injuries, deaths or claims related to this issue.

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On October 23, 2025 DTNA amended its noncompliance report to update the name of the affected vehicle model, identify the involved component and to identify how and when the noncompliance was corrected in production.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Repair

Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Additional mechanical fasteners will be added to the exterior joints at issue on affected vehicles . Repairs will be performed free of charge by Daimler Truck North America authorized service facilities. Details of the reimbursement plan will be included in the owner's notification letter. Owners are directed to seek reimbursement through authorized dealers.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Retraining and incorporation of additional assembly fixtures was implemented on 9/9/2025.

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Customer notification will be made by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Oct 30, 2025 - Oct 30, 2025 No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Dec 09, 2025 - Dec 09, 2025 Phased Recall

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Date when VIN will be searchable: