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National Highway
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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V086

Manufacturer Name: Daimler Trucks North America, LLC

Submission Date: Feb 13, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V086

Manufacturer Recall No.: F1030

Manufacturer Information

Population

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

Total number of potentially involved: 2,843
Estimated percentage with defect: 5%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2023-2026 THOMAS BUILT BUSES SAF-T-LINER HDX

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: School Bus

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Aug 29, 2022 - Dec 13, 2024

Number of potentially involved: 1,808

Descriptive Information:

The heater hose clamps, installed at a specific manufacturing station onto certain Model Year 2023 through 2026 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner EFX and Saf-T-Liner HDX school buses that may not have been installed in accordance with TBB's specified process.

Vehicle 2: 2023-2025 THOMAS BUILT BUSES SAF-T-LINER HDX

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: School Bus

Fuel / Propulsion: Compressed Natural Gas

Production Dates: Aug 30, 2022 - May 17, 2024

Number of potentially involved: 1,580

Descriptive Information:

The heater hose clamps, installed at a specific manufacturing station onto certain Model Year 2023 through 2026 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner EFX and Saf-T-Liner HDX school buses that may not have been installed in accordance with TBB's specified process.

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The heater hose clamps, installed at a specific manufacturing station onto certain Model Year 2023 through 2026 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner EFX and Saf-T-Liner HDX school buses that may not have been installed in accordance with TBB's specified process.

Defect / Noncompliance Description**Description of the defect or noncompliance:**

On certain Model Year 2023 through 2026 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner EFX and Saf-T-Liner HDX school buses, at a specific manufacturing station during the production process, one or more heater hose clamps in the bus body may not have been installed in accordance with the required manufacturing procedures including appropriate use of torque control tools.

FMVSS1:**FMVSS2:****Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:**

If the heater hose clamp is not properly installed and torqued according to required procedure, it could disconnect from the joint and suddenly release hot heating coolant into the occupant compartment of the vehicle, increasing the risk of injury to occupants in the near vicinity of the heater hose.

Description of the cause:**Identification of any warning that can occur:****Component Manufacturer****Tier of Supplier:** Tier 1**Supplier Type:** OEM

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Name: Daimler Truck North America
Address: 4747 N Channel Ave
 Portland OR, 97217
Country: United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Heater Hose Clamp
Component Description: Heater Hose Clamp
Component Part Number: 62190815

Chronology

In early February 2026, Thomas Built Buses (TBB) received a report of a disconnected heater hose in a bus body resulting in an injury to an occupant. TBB personnel promptly conducted a vehicle inspection. Additionally, TBB searched for warranty claims for buses of the same make and model. The analysis indicated a relatively higher claim rate within a specific subset of vehicles, which TBB cross-correlated to production records and determined that the higher claim rates were associated with work done at one specific manufacturing station by one technician. Production records indicated that this manufacturing station employee may not have properly followed TBB's manufacturing process for the vehicles at issue. On February 12, 2026, TBB decided to conduct a safety recall to address the issue. TBB is aware of 1 claim with details of an alleged injury and 56 warranty claims related to the installation of clamps on the heater hoses.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type:

Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

DTNA is preparing the remedy, which is currently under development. 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:

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Production of the affected models ceased 12/14/2024.

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: Mar 05, 2026 - Mar 05, 2026 No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Apr 14, 2026 - Apr 14, 2026 Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: