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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V109

Manufacturer Name: Daimler Trucks North America, LLC

Submission Date: Feb 25, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V109

Manufacturer Recall No.: F1031

Manufacturer Information

Population

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

Total number of potentially involved: 70
Estimated percentage with defect: 70%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2027-2027 THOMAS BUILT BUSES SAF-T-LINER C2

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: School Bus

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Dec 08, 2025 - Dec 12, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 70

Descriptive Information:

A safety-related defect has been identified in certain Model Year 2027 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner C2 school buses. Based on information from the supplier, the heater hoses in the affected units may not have been manufactured to the specifications. The recall population was determined based on heater hose manufacture date code. The vehicles outside of the recall population do not have the heater hoses from the affected supplier date code.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

A defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain Model Year 2027 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner C2 school buses. Based on information from the supplier, certain heater hoses may not have been manufactured to specifications. The supplier indicates that all suspect out-of-specification hoses are limited to a single date code.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

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These out-of-specification hoses could potentially rupture, suddenly releasing hot coolant within the passenger area and thereby increasing the risk of an injury to passengers in the 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**Name:** Gates Corporation**Address:** 1144 Fifteenth Street, Suite 1400
Denver CO, 80202**Country:** United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Heater Hose**Component Description:** Heater Hose**Component Part Number:** TBB 66004516

Chronology

On December 15, 2025, during routine testing of the heating system of a school bus at its High Point, NC manufacturing facility, DTNA observed presence of coolant inside the bus. The same day, DTNA notified the heater hose supplier about its observations and requested additional information from the supplier. Later that week, DTNA provided the supplier with a sample of failed heater hoses for analysis. Concurrently, DTNA began to investigate vehicles produced with heater hoses from the same supplier. On January 14, 2026, DTNA observed a failed heater hose with the presence of coolant in another school bus at its High Point, NC manufacturing facility. The heater hose in each incident had the same date code and DTNA notified the supplier. Out of an abundance of caution, in mid-January 2026 DTNA held all suspect buses (those buses where the heater hose may have had the same date code) at the manufacturing facility while the investigation proceeded. DTNA provided the supplier with additional heater hose samples in early February 2026 and DTNA in conjunction with the supplier began to discuss the potential effects of a failed heater hose.

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On February 17, 2026, the supplier advised DTNA that certain hoses may not have met material specifications when received by the sub-supplier. Based on information from the heater hose supplier, the suspect parts are limited to a single date code which was the same date code as that observed on the two school buses at DTNA's facility. Subsequently, on February 19, 2026, DTNA decided to conduct a safety recall of all buses manufactured at the High Point plant with the suspect heater hoses as a precautionary measure. DTNA is not aware of any warranty claims, customer complaints or reports of injury or death potentially related to this issue as of the date of this Part 573 report.

On February 25, 2026, DTNA amended its report to include updated information about the component manufacturer at its request.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Inspect, Replace

Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Vehicles in the suspect population will be inspected for hoses with affected date code and suspect parts will be replaced with new heater hoses. 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:

Remedy heater hoses will have been produced according to specification.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Based on information from the supplier, the manufacturing deviation was limited to a single date code.

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.

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