



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

## Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 26V250

**Manufacturer Name:** Daimler Trucks North America, LLC

**Submission Date:** Apr 23, 2026

**NHTSA Recall No.:** 26V250

**Manufacturer Recall No.:** F1033

### Manufacturer Information

### Population

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

**Total number of potentially involved:** 71  
**Estimated percentage with defect:** 16%

### Vehicle Information

**Vehicle 1:** 2026-2027 THOMAS BUILT BUSES SAF-T-LINER HDX2

**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

**Product Type:** School Bus

**Fuel / Propulsion:** Compression Ignition Fuel

**Production Dates:** Mar 05, 2025 - Jan 27, 2026

**Number of potentially involved:** 71

#### Descriptive Information:

Certain 2026–2027 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner HDX 2 units where vehicle manufacturing began between, March 5, 2025 (start of production), and January 27, 2026. Starting on March 5, 2026, DTNA implemented a post-build containment, inspection, and where appropriate rework process for all vehicles with build dates after January 27, 2026.

### Defect / Noncompliance Description

#### Description of the defect or noncompliance:

On certain 2026–2027 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner HDX 2 units, the driver seat tether belt anchorage may be installed without the correct hardware. This may result in the driver's seatbelt anchorage not meeting the performance requirements of FMVSS 210 and which may present a safety hazard in the event of a crash.

**FMVSS1:** 210 - Seat belt assembly anchorages

**FMVSS2:**

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

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A driver seat tether belt anchorage that is not properly installed, may not meet the requirements of FMVSS 210 and may not perform as intended in certain crash events increasing the risk of injury.

**Description of the cause:**

Manufacturing deviation.

**Identification of any warning that can occur:**

## Component Manufacturer

**Tier of Supplier:** Tier 1

**Supplier Type:** OEM

**Name:** Daimler Truck North America

**Address:** 4747 N. Channel Ave.  
Portland OR, 97217

**Country:** United States

## Involved Components

**Component Name 1:** Bolt

**Component Description:** Finished Hex Bolt

**Component Part Number:** TBB 69001166

**Component Name 2:** Nut

**Component Description:** Hex nut

**Component Part Number:** TBB 29417028

**Component Name 3:** Washer

**Component Description:** Flat Washer

**Component Part Number:** TBB 29940016

## Chronology

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On March 2, 2026, a potential issue was identified involving irregularities in the installation of the driver seat tether belt hardware securing the tether to the floor in an HDX2 bus. DTNA immediately began an investigation to determine the potential scope and impact of the deviation. All Safariliner HDX2 vehicles at the manufacturing facility were placed on hold to investigate the hardware installed on the buses. From March through early April, an on-site inspection analysis, inspection and testing were performed and reviewed. Based upon those results, DTNA identified that a specific nut in the seat belt tether may not have been installed as intended. Also, in early April, a review of warranty claims and field reports was initiated, and no claims or reports were identified related to the condition. On April 15, 2026, Daimler Trucks North America (DTNA) determined that a recall should be initiated to address the affected Safariliner HDX2 school buses.

On April 23, 2026, DTNA updated the recall remedy and amended the dates in the descriptive information section and how/when the recall condition was corrected in production section to reflect the correct production end date. The recall population is not affected by this update.

**Related NHTSA Recall Number:**

### Description of Remedy

**Remedy Type:**

**Consumer Advisories:**  Do Not Drive  Park Outside

**Description of remedy program:**

DTNA will be inspecting the existing seat tether belt fastener assembly and if necessary, replace all missing fastener parts. 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:**

Starting on March 5, 2026, DTNA implemented a post-build containment, inspection, and where appropriate rework process for all vehicles with build dates after January 27, 2026.

### Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

### Recall Schedule

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****26V250****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:** May 10, 2026 - May 10, 2026  No Dealers

**Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:**  No Owners

**Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** Jun 19, 2026 - Jun 19, 2026  Phased Recall

**Date when VIN will be searchable:**