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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V251

Manufacturer Name: Daimler Trucks North America, LLC

Submission Date: Apr 20, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V251

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: 26
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: Other

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Jul 10, 2025 - Nov 21, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 26

Descriptive Information:

Certain 2026–2027 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner HDX 2 (Non-school bus) units where vehicle manufacturing began between, July 10, 2025 and November 21, 2025. No such non-school bus vehicles were built after November 21, 2025. 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 17, 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.

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:

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 17, 2026.

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

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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: