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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V388

Manufacturer Name: Daimler Trucks North America, LLC

Submission Date: Jun 12, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V388

Manufacturer Recall No.: F1034

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: 2027-2027 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 20, 2026 - Apr 08, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 2

Descriptive Information:

The recall population includes limited number of model year 2027 Thomas Built Buses (TBB) Saf-T-Liner HDX2 school buses produced on or after March 20, 2026 and with incorrect materials in the header. In the affected vehicles, certain interior body panel joints at the front or mid-body header may not meet the tensile strength requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 221, School bus body joint strength. The recall population is based on a review of manufacturing records.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

A noncompliance with the requirements of FMVSS 221, school bus body joint strength, may exist in certain model year 2027 Thomas Built Buses (TBB) Saf-T-Liner HDX 2 school buses. In the affected vehicles, certain interior body panel joints at the front or mid-body header may not meet the tensile strength requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 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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Body panel joints that do not meet the minimum 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: Tier 1

Supplier Type: OEM

Name: Daimler Truck North America

Address: TEC, 4747 N Channel Ave
Portland OR, 97217

Country: United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Interior Header Connector

Component Description: Interior Header Connector

Component Part Number: TBB 243177

Chronology

On June 2, 2026, a Thomas Built Buses (TBB) test technician observed that a sample of interior body panel material used in new vehicle production did not visually appear as expected as the coating of the steel did not match the type used in production.

On June 3, 2026, TBB implemented on-site containment actions at the manufacturing facility to prevent additional affected units from progressing through production. Concurrently, TBB initiated an investigation into the technician's observation which included a review of manufacturing processes, inspection of affected units, and evaluation of the sample materials against design requirements. TBB initiated the process for joint strength testing on the sample material to evaluate its performance.

In the interim, TBB identified two units that had been delivered to dealer locations that may contain interior body joints formed with the same type of material observed in the sample.

On June 9, 2026, test results from joint strength evaluations of a representative sample became available. The results indicated that the sample material did not meet the minimum tensile strength applicable regulatory performance requirements.

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On June 10, 2026, Daimler Truck North America (DTNA) determined that the affected vehicles may not meet the tensile strength requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 221.

Neither DTNA nor TBB is aware of any injuries, deaths, or claims related to this issue.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Repair

Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

A DTNA authorized service facility will install additional fasteners to the affected header sections. 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:

Vehicles receiving the remedy will meet the joint strength requirements of FMVSS 221.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

On June 3, 2026, TBB contained potentially impacted vehicles and will update the affected header sections to meet the joint strength requirements of FMVSS 221 before the vehicles are released.

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: Jul 02, 2026 - Jul 02, 2026 No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: Jul 02, 2026 - Jul 02, 2026 No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Aug 11, 2026 - Aug 11, 2026 Phased Recall

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Date when VIN will be searchable: