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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V522

Manufacturer Name: Daimler Trucks North America, LLC

Submission Date: Aug 10, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V522

Manufacturer Recall No.: F1037

Manufacturer Information

Population

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

Total number of potentially involved: 22,778
Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2024-2027 THOMAS BUILT BUSES SAF-T-LINER C2

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: School Bus

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Sep 10, 2023 - Jul 14, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 22,778

Descriptive Information:

A noncompliance with FMVSS 301 may exist in certain model year 2024 through 2027 Thomas Built Buses (TBB) Saf-T-Liner C2 vehicles. The suspect population includes certain buses equipped with a diesel engine and a fuel tank cage produced with an alternate material and a particular component configuration in the area of the fuel tank.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Certain TBB Model Year 2024-2027 Saf-T-Liner C2 school buses have fuel tank cages manufactured with an alternate material and a particular component configuration in the area of the fuel tank. As a result, the vehicle may not meet the performance requirements of FMVSS 301, S5.4 when tested to the procedure at S6.5.

FMVSS1: 301 - Fuel system integrity

FMVSS2:

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

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In the event of a crash, there may be an increased risk of a fire in a bus with a fuel system that does not meet the performance requirements of FMVSS 301, S5.4.

Description of the cause:

Identification of any warning that can occur:

NA

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: Fuel System

Component Description: Fuel System

Component Part Number:

Chronology

In June 2026, TBB became aware that the material used on certain fuel tank cages was not the original specification material. TBB then took steps to analyze whether the material change could affect FMVSS 301 compliance, including conducting Finite Element Analysis (FEA) of the material and a physical side-impact test to the FMVSS 301 test procedure. The FEA results indicated that the fuel tank cage material was sufficient to ensure compliance. Nonetheless, in July 2026 TBB prepared a physical test to validate the FEA, and on July 23, 2026, TBB conducted an FMVSS 301 side-impact crash test on a Saf-T-Liner C2 bus to confirm compliance of the vehicle with the alternate fuel tank cage material. During execution of the moving contoured barrier crash test at FMVSS 301, S6.5 deflection of the fuel tank cage resulted in fuel line discharge after becoming compromised by the particular mounting components in the vicinity. Following the test, buses equipped with the alternate fuel tank cage material and fuel system mounting were contained on-site between July 27 and July 28, 2026, while the test results were further evaluated. On July 28, 2026, TBB initiated an engineering analysis to understand the fuel tank cage deflection observed during the physical test. During this same period, DTNA conducted a review of warranty claims and field reports but identified no reports associated with this specific condition. No reports of accidents, injuries, or death were found. On August 10, 2026, Daimler Truck North America

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(DTNA) determined that certain Saf-T-Liner C2 buses manufactured with this specific fuel tank cage material and a specific fuel system configuration may not comply with the performance requirements of FMVSS 301 and accordingly initiated a recall.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Repair

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Components in the area of the fuel tank will be reconfigured to accommodate the existing fuel tank cage. 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:

Components in the area of the fuel tank were reconfigured to accommodate the existing fuel tank cage and meet the FMVSS 301 performance requirements.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Components in the area of the fuel tank were reconfigured in production on 7/28/2026.

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 determine the customers affected.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Aug 28, 2026 - Aug 28, 2026 ☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: ☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Oct 09, 2026 - Oct 09, 2026 ☐ Phased Recall

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Date when VIN will be searchable: