

DAIMLER

Defect Information Report (Section 573.6)

FL-726

Date of Submission: **10/3/2016**

Manufacturer: Daimler Trucks North America LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208

Type of Report: Safety Defect Non-Compliance

Vehicle Information

Model Yr. Start: 2017 Model Yr. End: 2017
Make: *Thomas Built Buses*
Model: *Saf-T-Liner C2*
Production Dates: Begin: 11/25/2015
End: 04/27/2016

Descriptive Information:

School buses

Number potentially involved: 162 Estimated percentage of involve with defect: 100%

Defect / Noncompliance Description

For this Defect/Noncompliance:

Describe the defect or noncompliance:

Buses were manufactured with the standard Brake Transmission Shift Interlock inoperable and therefore it is possible to shift the transmission into a drive gear without depressing the brake pedal. The Brake Transmission Shift Interlock is provided as standard equipment.

If a noncompliance, provide the applicable FMVSS:

Check if this recall only affects products in certain geographic regions.

DAIMLER

Describe the safety risk:

The bus may unintentionally be shifted into a drive gear without the brake pedal depressed increasing the risk of a roll away and injury.

If applicable, identify the manufacture of the defective or noncompliant component.

Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination

Provide the chronology of events leading up to the defect decision or test data for the noncompliance decision.

In August 2016 DTNA determined that the Brake Transmission Shift Interlock, offered as standard equipment, may be inoperable on some buses. From August 2016 through October 2016 DTNA conducted an investigation to determine the cause and scope of the issue. In October 2016 DTNA decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall on certain buses with an inoperable Brake Transmission Shift Interlock.

Identify the Remedy

Describe the defect/noncompliance remedy program, including the manufacture's plan for reimbursement.

The bus programming will be updated. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America authorized service facilities. Copies of the reimbursement plan will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

DAIMLER

Identify the Recall Schedule

Describe the recall schedule for notifications.:

Customer notification will be made by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected.

Planned Dealer Notification Begin Date: 12/01/2016

Planned Dealer Notification End Date: 12/01/2016

Planned Owner Notification Begin Date: 12/01/2016

Planned Owner Notification End Date: 12/01/2016

Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable): FL-726

Manufactures Comments to NHTSA Staff

DTNA Representative;



Andy Jones
Manager
Compliance and Regulatory Affairs