# **Defect Information Report**

(Section 573.6)

### FL-765

Date of Submission: March 23, 2018

Manufacturer:

Daimler Trucks North America LLC

P.O. BOX 3849

Portland, Oregon 97208

Type of Report:

X Safety Defect

○ Non-Compliance

### Vehicle Information

Model Yr. Start: 2014

Model Yr. End: 2019

Make: Thomas Built Bus

Model: Saf-T-Liner C2 School Bus

Production Dates: Begin: 04/03/2013

End: 11/28/2017

**Descriptive Information:** 

Certain C2 school busses built with propane engines and fuel line routings.

Number potentially involved: 957 Estimated percentage of involve with defect: 1%

# **Defect / Noncompliance Description**

### For this Defect/Noncompliance:

### Describe the defect or noncompliance:

On certain C2 school busses equipped with a propane engine, an interference between a fuel line plumbing routing and j-hook body support bracket may cause chaffing of the line and potential fuel leak.

### If a noncompliance, provide the applicable FMVSS:

N/A

### Describe the safety risk:

A propane fuel leak in the presence of an ignition source could increase the risk of a fire.

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

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## **Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination**

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

In July 2017 the DTNA production line identified a possible interference between a j-hook body mounting bracket and propane fuel line fitting, and opened an investigation. An extensive investigation ensued requiring inspections of vehicles in the field. In March 2018 DTNA decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall on certain C2 school busses with propane engines.

### Identify the Remedy

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

The propane fuel line will be inspected for clearance and rerouted for proper clearance if required.

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.

## **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: 05/21/2018
Planned Dealer Notification End Date: 05/21/2018
Planned Owner Notification Begin Date: 05/21/2018
Planned Owner Notification End Date: 05/21/2018

Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable): FL-765

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