

Amended Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

FL-768

Date of Submission: **April 19, 2018**

Manufacturer: Daimler Trucks North America LLC
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Type of Report: Safety Defect Non-Compliance

Vehicle Information

Model Yr. Start: *2018* Model Yr. End: *2019*

Make: *Thomas Built Bus*

Model: *Saf-T-Liner C2*

Production Dates: Begin: *03/10/2017*

End: *03/06/2018*

Descriptive Information:

Certain Saf-T-Liner C2 buses with 2 8D batteries.

Number potentially involved: *90* Estimated percentage of involve with defect: *100%*

Defect / Noncompliance Description

For this Defect/Noncompliance:

Describe the defect or noncompliance:

On certain TBB Saf-T-Liner C2 buses, a battery power cable may be routed with inadequate clearance between the cable and a battery hold down bracket when the battery tray is pulled out for service. This reduced clearance may cause the cable to rub against the hold down bracket potentially damaging the cable and leading to arcing.

If a noncompliance, provide the applicable FMVSS:

N/A

Describe the safety risk:

A potential battery cable short between the cable and hold down bracket could increase the risk of a fire.

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

Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination

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

In March 2018 DTNA received information of a potential battery cable rub on certain Saf-T-Liner C2 chassis (when the battery tray is pulled out for service) and began a defect investigation. In April 2018 DTNA decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall on certain Saf-T-Liner C2 buses with potentially inadequate battery cable clearance.

Identify the Remedy

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

The power cable will be inspected and rerouted for proper clearance when 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: 06/15/2018

Planned Dealer Notification End Date: 06/15/2018

Planned Owner Notification Begin Date: 06/15/2018

Planned Owner Notification End Date: 06/15/2018

Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable): FL-768

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