

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

21V-661

Manufacturer Name : Daimler Trucks North America, LLC**Submission Date :** SEP 02, 2021**NHTSA Recall No. :** 21V-661**Manufacturer Recall No. :** FL-899**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Daimler Trucks North America, LLC

Address : 4747 N. Channel Avenue

Portland OR 97217-3849

Company phone : 800-745-8000

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 669

Estimated percentage with defect : 85 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2022-2022 Thomas Built Buses Minotour School Bus

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Minotour school buses

Production Dates : FEB 22, 2021 - JUN 29, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

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Description of the Noncompliance : In certain Minotour school buses, adhesive may not have been properly applied between the lower interior side panel and the seat rail. If the adhesive is not properly applied, the joint may not meet the joint strength requirement of FMVSS 221 S5.1.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : A joint in the school bus cabin that does not meet the joint strength requirement of FMVSS 221 S5.1 may increase the risk of injury in the event of a collision.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : Interior side panel

Component Description : Lower interior side panel

Component Part Number : 59003917

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

At the end of July 2021, Thomas Built Buses identified a bus with an improperly assembled joint during an internal process audit. Thomas Built Buses immediately began an investigation to determine the scope and potential impact of the improperly assembled joint. In mid-August 2021, Thomas Built Buses completed a review of all Minotour School Buses on site and determined 85% of on site vehicles had had this issue. On August 19, 2021 DTNA decided to initiate a voluntary noncompliance recall for Minotour school buses that may have an improperly assembled interior sidelining joint. September 2, 2021 DTNA amended the population as a result of additional production findings.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Additional mechanical fasteners will be added to the joint on affected vehicles in order to bring the vehicles into compliance. 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.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

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 : OCT 17, 2021 - OCT 17, 2021

Planned Owner Notification Date : OCT 17, 2021 - OCT 17, 2021

* NR - Not Reported