

Defect / Noncompliance Information Report

(Section 573.6)

FL948

Date of Submission: 07/22/2022

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

Vehicle Information

Model Yr. Start: 2019 Model Yr. End: 2023

Make: Thomas Built Buses

Model: Minotour SRW

Production Dates: Begin: 8/6/2018 End: 5/4/2022

Descriptive Information: Certain Thomas Built Buses Minotour school buses with Single Rear Wheel ("SRW") per wheel-end configuration of chassis may have an applied Vehicle Information Label and tire and Loading Information Label with incorrect tire size information listed.

Basis for Determination of the Recall Population: Build records were reviewed and it was determined the TBB Minotour SRW school buses built in within the above production dates may have the incorrect tire size information listed on the applied Vehicle Information label and Tire and Loading Information Label.

Number potentially involved: 446

Estimated percentage of involved with defect: 100%

Defect / Noncompliance Description

For this Defect/Noncompliance:

Describe the defect or noncompliance:

___ On the affected vehicles, the Vehicle Information Label and Tire and Loading Information Label with an incorrect tire size may not comply with 49 CFR 567.4 and 49 CFR 571.110 ___

Describe the safety risk:

_A noncompliance with 49 CFR 567.4 and 49 CFR 571.110 may lead to an incorrect replacement tire being installed on the bus that is not sufficient for the Rear GAWR and GVWR requirements increasing the risk of a crash.

Identify any warning which can precede or occur: NA

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

___ Vehicle Information Label and Tire and Loading Information Label

Involved Components

Component Name: ___ Label _____

Component Description: Vehicle Information Label and Tire and Loading Information Label _____

Component Part Number: ___ 206621 and 150479 _____

NOTE: *If a Component that contains the defect or noncompliance was manufactured by a different manufacturer from the reporting manufacturer, list the following:*

Component's country of origin: _____

Business address: _____

Business telephone number: _____

If the reporting manufacturer does not know the identity of the manufacturer of the component, it shall identify the entity from which it was obtained. If at the time of submission of the initial report, the reporting manufacturer does not know the country of origin of the component, the manufacturer shall ascertain the country of origin and submit a supplemental report with that information once it becomes available.

Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination

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

__ On June 28 2022 DTNA received a report from a dealer of a potential discrepancy with the tire description on the Vehicle Information Label on four newly delivered buses. DTNA staff promptly began an investigation. DNTA staff reviewed build records to determine if any additional buses were built with the same discrepancy. DNTA also reviewed warranty records and field reports and found no similar issues. Once DTNA had sufficient information, on July 18 2022 DTNA decided to conduct a voluntary non-compliance recall on certain Thomas Built Buses Minotour SWR buses.

Identify the Remedy

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

____ A new label will be mailed to affected customers with the correct tire size information. Repairs are expected to be performed by Daimler Trucks North America authorized service facilities. Details of the reimbursement plan will be included in the owner's notification letter.

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: _9/15/2022_____

Planned Dealer Notification End Date: _9/15/2022_____

Planned Owner Notification Begin Date: _9/15/2022_____

Planned Owner Notification End Date: _9/15/2022_____

Does DTNA plan to file inconsequentiality petition? Yes No

Manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): _ **FL948** _____

DTNA Representative;



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