

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 22V-634

**Manufacturer Name :** Daimler Trucks North America, LLC

**Submission Date :** SEP 06, 2022

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 22V-634

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** FL843



### 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 :** 7,601

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 100 %

### Vehicle Information :

**Vehicle 1 :** 2011-2021 Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner HDX

**Vehicle Type :** BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

**Body Style :**

**Power Train :** NR

**Descriptive Information :** Certain Saf-T-Liner HDX School Buses built with a wall mounted barrier at the 1st rafter on the passenger side manufactured within the above dates. All HDX school buses built with wall mounted barrier at the first rafter on passenger side after -10/21/2009, when FMVSS 571.222 changed school bus barrier requirements.

**Production Dates :** OCT 21, 2009 - DEC 16, 2019

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :**

NR

**End :** NR

☐ Not sequential

### Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** On the affected school buses, the forward barrier was determined not to meet the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 222, S5.2.3: Barrier performance forward.

**FMVSS 1 :** NR

**FMVSS 2 :** NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** In the affected population, the forward barrier was determined not to meet the requirements of S5.2.3 of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 222. In the event of a crash, if the occupant contacts the barrier they may experience higher impact than intended, which may result in injury to the occupant. There have been no reported injuries or accidents related to this defect.

**Description of the Cause :** NR

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** NR

**Involved Components :**

Component Name 1 : Wall Mounted Barrier

Component Description : Wall Mount Barrier High Back Foam

Component Part Number : 159527

Component Name 2 : Wall Mounted Barrier

Component Description : Wall Mount Barrier High Back Foam

Component Part Number : 159528

Component Name 3 : Wall Mounted Barrier

Component Description : Wall Mount Barrier High Back Foam

Component Part Number : 159529

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : Thomas Built Bus

Address : NR

NR

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

October 30, 2019, NHTSA notified DTNA of potential noncompliance with FMVSS 222, S5.2.3: Barrier performance forward relating to certain barriers equipped on the Saf-T-Liner HDX School Buses. Based on the information provided by NHTSA's testing, DTNA began to investigate the issue to evaluate the potential noncompliance and to determine the scope and establish the potentially affected population. November 2019 DTNA requested a visit to NHTSA's test facility to review findings. On December 11, 2019, DTNA visited the NHTSA test facility to review test procedure and findings with NHTSA. On December 17, 2019, DTNA determined that a non-compliance exists on certain vehicles built with the suspect barrier mounted at the 1st rafter on the passenger side. The issue was that a purely aesthetic piece of foam changed the technicalities of how structural testing is performed, resulting in barrier with the foam not passing the amended FMVSS 222, S5.2.3 requirement. On January 16, 2020, DTNA submitted a petition seeking exemption from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. 30118 (d) and 49 C.F.R. Part 556 on the basis that a noncompliance with

FMVSS 222 is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety. On or about August 4, 2022, DTNA received notice from NHTSA that petition was not approved. On August 10 2022, DTNA filed the amended DIR to begin the process of recalling those Barriers upon receiving the notification of NHTSA's determination regarding the petition. I mid-August 2022, DTNA refiled this recall at the request of the agency. It will supersede 18V899

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Daimler Trucks North America is currently working on a plan for repairs. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America authorized service facilities. Details of the reimbursement plan will be included in the owner's notification letter.

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 04, 2022 - OCT 04, 2022

Planned Owner Notification Date : OCT 04, 2022 - OCT 04, 2022

\* NR - Not Reported