

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

22V-840

Manufacturer Name : Daimler Trucks North America, LLC**Submission Date :** NOV 14, 2022**NHTSA Recall No. :** 22V-840**Manufacturer Recall No. :** FL959**Manufacturer Information :****Population :**

Manufacturer Name : Daimler Trucks North America, LLC

Number of potentially involved : 20

Address : 4747 N. Channel Avenue

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Portland OR 97217-3849

Company phone : 800-745-8000

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2021-2023 Thomas Built Buses Minotour

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Certain Minotour school buses configured with six rows of passenger seats were built with the incorrect barrier behind the driver seat.

Production Dates : JUN 03, 2020 - JUL 19, 2022

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential**Description of Noncompliance :**

Description of the Noncompliance : On the affected school buses, the forward barrier installed on the left side of the bus, behind the driver's seat, was determined not to meet the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 222, S5.2.3: Barrier performance forward when installed in this configuration.

FMVSS 1 : 222 - School bus passenger seating and crash protection

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : In the affected population, the forward barrier installed in the school bus 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 forces than intended, which may increase the risk of 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 : Barrier

Component Description : Left Side Barrier

Component Part Number : B640239000 used in conjunction with 6 rows of passenger seats

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

On October 24 2022, Thomas Built Buses identified a Minotour school bus in production process built with the barrier behind the driver's seat that passes FMVSS 222 S5.2.3 for a different seating configuration. This Minotour school bus with the incorrect barrier was not released. As a result, Thomas Built Buses (TBB) immediately began an investigation. In the course of the investigation TBB reviewed build records to determine if any additional buses were built with the same configuration. On November 07, 2022, TBB also reviewed warranty records and field reports and found no reports related to this issue. At the conclusion of the reviews, 20 Minotour school buses were identified with a similar barrier configuration. On November 09 2022 DTNA decided to conduct a voluntary non-compliance recall on the 20 Thomas Built Buses Minotour school buses.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : For the affected buses the barrier will be replaced. The repair will be conducted by Daimler Truck North America authorized service facilities. Daimler Truck North America shall be offering a refund for owner-paid repairs covered by this recall if the repair was performed prior to the date indicated in the reimbursement plan, which will be posted with owner's notification letter. Owners are directed to seek reimbursement through authorized dealers.

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 Truck North America records to determine the customers affected.
Planned Dealer Notification Date : JAN 12, 2023 - JAN 12, 2023
Planned Owner Notification Date : JAN 12, 2023 - JAN 12, 2023

* NR - Not Reported