

## **Thomas Built Buses adds gasoline option to C2 powertrain lineup for 2026**

*Saf-T-Liner C2 Gasoline featuring Cummins B6.7 Octane debuts at STN Expo East*

**HIGH POINT, N.C. - April 2, 2026** - [Thomas Built Buses](#) (TBB), a leading manufacturer of school buses in North America and a division of Daimler Truck Specialty Vehicles, today announced the launch of a new gasoline engine option for the Saf-T-Liner C2 school bus at STN Expo East, taking place March 26-31, 2026 in Charlotte/Concord, North Carolina. The Saf-T-Liner C2 Gasoline is equipped with the B6.7 Octane engine produced by global power leader Cummins Inc. (NYSE: CMI).

With the addition of gasoline, Thomas Built Buses continues to expand its powertrain lineup – now offering diesel, electric and gasoline options – giving school districts greater flexibility to choose the solution that best fits their fleet goals, infrastructure and operational needs.

“With the Cummins B6.7 Octane engine, fleets gain a dependable solution that complements our proven diesel and electric offerings, giving them more choice in how they operate,” said T.J. Reed, president and CEO of Daimler Truck Specialty Vehicles. “We’re proud to expand our lineup with solutions that reflect the real-world needs of school districts – whether that’s simplifying maintenance, managing costs or planning for the future with diesel, electric or now gasoline.”

“Cummins’ longstanding partnership with Thomas Built Buses reflects our shared commitment to delivering safe and reliable transportation for students across the country,” said Nikki Wheeldon, general manager of North America bus sales at Cummins. “The integration of the B6.7 Octane highlights our continued focus on excellence and innovation. Together, we’re driving performance where it matters most.”

The Cummins B6.7 Octane is a purpose-built, durable, turbocharged gasoline engine for medium-duty applications, the first of its kind in the category. With up to 2 million miles logged before production, the engine features a broad, flat torque curve that mirrors Cummins’ trusted B6.7 diesel platform. The B6.7 Octane by Cummins will be available in the Saf-T-Liner C2 Gasoline in 220- and 260-horsepower ratings, delivering up to 600 lb-ft of torque.

Designed to provide familiar drivability and smooth power at low speeds, the B6.7 Octane also introduces an optional integrated compression brake for improved vehicle control and reduced brake wear – an industry-first for gasoline school buses.

In addition to robust performance, the Saf-T-Liner C2 Gasoline delivers key advantages in total cost and serviceability:

- Strong fuel economy for lower operating costs
- 2-3x longer service intervals, including oil and filter changes up to 15,000 miles
- Runs on regular 87-octane gasoline, making it easy to refuel within existing fueling infrastructure
- Engineered for cold-weather readiness and high idle tolerance, making it well suited for diverse operating environments
- Offers school districts a familiar chassis and body design, helping streamline technician training, maintenance routines and driver familiarity

“By offering this gasoline option, we’re helping school districts simplify operations, manage costs and maintain reliable, year-round performance,” said Daoud Chaaya, vice president of sales, aftermarket and marketing at Thomas Built Buses. “Built on our trusted C2 platform, it supports technician and driver familiarity while ensuring safe, dependable transportation for students. This addition reflects our ongoing commitment to delivering an exceptional customer experience.”

Production for the Saf-T-Liner C2 Gasoline is targeted to begin in late 2026.

For more information, visit [thomasbuiltbuses.com/gasoline](https://thomasbuiltbuses.com/gasoline).

### **About Thomas Built Buses:**

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