



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 11-012
Date Opened: 04/15/2011
Investigator: Nate Seymour
Approver: Frank Borris
Subject: Fontaine Ultra LT 5th Wheel False Latch

Date Closed: 06/27/2011
Reviewer: Bruce York-B

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: DAIMLER TRUCKS NORTH AMERICA
Products: 2011 & 2012 Freightliner Tractors
Population: 2,281
Problem Description: Vehicles equipped with a Fontaine Ultra LT 5th wheel may not latch securely.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	12	12
Crashes/Fires:	1	1	1**
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
Other*:	1	0	0

***Description of Other:** Technical Service Bulletin (TSB)

** Count indicates duplicate reports received by ODI and manufacturer.

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: This PE is closed. Recall 11V-289

Summary:

DTNA submitted a 573 Recall notice (11V-289) prior to the IR response date and therefore was granted permission to forgo submission of the IR response.

Freightliner reported that Fontaine's TSB issued in March had resulted in the remedy of 55 percent of all subject vehicles with an additional 33% scheduled by the time of their 573 submission. Freightliner will issue another notification 1 July if 100% of the subject population is not remedied by that time.

ODI is aware that the Ultra LT 5th wheel was also installed on several other OEM's vehicles. ODI will work with Fontaine and the manufacturers to ensure that the remaining vehicles are identified and remedied.