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**Re: Defect Information Report -- Supplemental Report No. 8  
07V-343, FL-509, ZF 8018 Steering Gear Spacer,  
Clarification of Owner Notifications**

Mr. Smith

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith submits supplemental defect information. This recall campaign was released to owners and dealers in three phases. This supplemental report clarifies the dates and vehicle population for each phase. The dates and vehicle populations were supplied for each phase on previous supplemental reports as the owner notifications were sent:

**(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: 5,949**

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**Phase 1 (FL509A) 1,392 Vehicles – Remedial program:** The steering gear date code on potentially affected vehicles will be reviewed to determine if the gear is part of the suspect population. Suspect steering gears will be replaced.

**Phase 2 (FL509B) 1,889 Vehicles – Remedial program:** The steering gear date code and mileage at time of inspection on potentially affected vehicles will be reviewed to determine if the gear is part of the suspect population and the vehicle mileage is under 15,000 miles. Suspect steering gears will be replaced if the vehicle mileage is under 15,000 miles.

**Phase 3 (FL509C) 2,676 Vehicles – Remedial Program:** The steering gear date code and mileage at time of inspection on potentially affected vehicles will be reviewed to determine if the gear is part of the suspect population and the vehicle mileage is under 15,000 miles. Suspect steering gears will be replaced if the vehicle mileage is under 15,000 miles.

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**Communications sent to dealers:**

Phase 1 posted January 13, 2008.

Phase 2 posted July 24, 2008.

Phase 3 posted December 6, 2008.

**Communications sent to owners:**

Phase 1 mailed January 30, 2008.

Phase 2 mailed July 28, 2008.

Phase 3 mailed December 12, 2008.

**Communications sent to second stage manufacturers:**

Phase 1 e-mailed April 2008.

Phase 2 e-mailed July 29, 2008.

Phase 3 e-mailed December 8, 2008.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

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Enclosure

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