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REMINDER NOTICE

Subject: SISU Axles Rear Drive Axle Slack Adjusters

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. This notice is also sent in accordance with the Canadian Motor Vehicles Safety Act.

Daimler Trucks North America LLC, on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary, Western Star Truck Sales, Inc., has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Western Star 4900 and 6900 vehicles manufactured between January 2005 and January 2007 with certain SISU rear drive axles.

Certain slack adjusters on SISU rear drive axles may have been machined with a counter-bore in the slack adjuster housing that reduced the material thickness between the worm wheel opening and the worm shaft opening. Under normal service, a crack may develop in this area, rendering the slack adjuster inoperable and reducing brake effectiveness. Reduced brake effectiveness may result in a possible a vehicle crash.

Affected slack adjusters will be replaced.

This is a follow up to a previous communication. Our records indicate that your vehicle has not yet had this recall performed. Please make arrangement to have this repair done as soon as possible. If it has been completed, please disregard this letter.

Parts are now available for authorized dealers to order. Advance arrangements are needed for this recall. Contact your authorized dealer to arrange to have the your vehicle(s) modified and to have parts ordered prior to your arrival at the dealership. To locate a dealer, search online at www.WesternStarTrucks.com or contact the Warranty Campaigns Department for assistance.

When you contact your dealer, refer to campaign number **FL518A-C**. Once parts are received at the dealership, the Recall will take between approximately 10 and 15 hours depending on the work needed and will be performed at no charge to you.

IMPORTANT: When the Recall has been completed, please ensure that a label has been affixed to your vehicle referencing **FL518A-C**.

If you do not own the vehicle that corresponds to the identification number(s) which appears on the Recall Notification, please return the notification to the Warranty Campaigns Department with any information you can furnish that will assist us in locating the present owner. If you have leased this vehicle, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to the lessee within 10 days. If you are a subsequent stage manufacturer, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to your distributors and retail outlets within five working days.

If you are not able to have the defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, which is not longer than 60 days after you tender the vehicle for repair, please contact the Warranty Campaigns Department at (800) 547-0712, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday, e-mail address WarrantyCampaigns@freightliner.com, or the Customer Assistance Center at (800) FTL-HELP or (800) STL-HELP, after normal business hours. You may also wish to submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236 (TTY: 800-424-9153); or to <http://www.safercar.gov>. If your vehicle is involved in the Canadian portion, you may wish to notify Transport Canada, ASFAD, Place de Ville Tower C, 330 Sparks Street, Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5, or phone (800) 333-0510.

We regret any inconvenience this action may cause but feel certain you understand our interest in motor vehicle safety.

WARRANTY CAMPAIGNS DEPARTMENT

Enclosure