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REMINDER NOTICE

Subject: TRW TAS85 Steering Gears

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 Freightliner Trucks Division and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Sterling Truck Corporation and Western Star Truck Sales, Inc., has decided that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Freightliner Argosy, Business Class M2, Cascadia, Century S/T, Columbia, Coronado, FLD (glider), FLD SD, Classic, and Classic XL vehicles; Sterling A/L-Line vehicles; and Western Star 4900 vehicles manufactured between May 2007 and November 2007 with certain TRW steering gears.

Certain TRW TAS85 steering gears may have incorrectly machined sector shaft teeth which may cause the gear assembly to bind or stick. This condition may potentially restrict the steering turning angle, resulting in reduced maneuverability which could lead to a vehicle crash.

Steering gears will be inspected and affected gears 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.

To locate a dealer, search online at www.FreightlinerTrucks.com or contact the Warranty Campaigns Department for assistance. Parts are now available for authorized dealers to order. Contact your authorized dealer to arrange to have your vehicle(s) inspected. Please note, replacement parts must be ordered after an inspection determines a new steering gear is needed.

When you contact your dealer, refer to campaign number **FL519A-I**. The Recall will take between half an hour and three hours depending on the work needed. The Recall 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 **FL519A-I**.

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