



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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MANAGER, COMPLIANCE AND  
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NVS-215paw  
08V-031

Subject: BRAKE PEDAL PUSHROD ASSEMBLY

Dear MR. ZAMANI:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Trucks North America's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

FREIGHTLINER/CLASSIC XL/2008  
FREIGHTLINER/FLD CLASSIC/2008  
FREIGHTLINER/FLD SD/2008

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 08V-031

**Mfg's Report Date:** January 17, 2008

**Components:** SERVICE BRAKES: HYDRAULIC: PEDALS AND LINKAGES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 141

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS AND TRUCK-TRACTORS, THE JAM NUTS ON THE BRAKE PUSHROD BETWEEN THE PEDAL AND THE BRAKE VALVE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN TIGHTENED. THESE NUTS SECURE THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE BRAKE PEDAL PUSHROD.

**Consequence:**

THIS COULD RESULT IN A GRADUAL LOSS IN BRAKING PERFORMANCE LEADING TO A POSSIBLE VEHICLE CRASH WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND CORRECT THE BRAKE PEDAL PUSHROD ASSEMBLY. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT MARCH 14, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DTNA AT 1-800-547-0712.

**Notes:**

DTNA RECALL NO. FL-522. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [Patricia.wallace@dot.gov](mailto:Patricia.wallace@dot.gov), [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "P".

George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement