



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

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NVS-215dgl
08V-154

Subject: POWER DISTRIBUTION MODULE/TAIL LAMP

Dear MR. ZAMANI:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Trucks North America LLC'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/BUSINESS CLASS M2/2006-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-154

Mfg's Report Date: March 28, 2008

Components: EXTERIOR LIGHTING:TAIL LIGHTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 724

Summary:

DAIMLER TRUCKS IS RECALLING 724 MY 2006-2007 BUSINESS CLASS M2 TRUCKS. THE OPTIONAL HIGH CURRENT TAIL LAMP POWER DISTRIBUTION MODULE (PDM) WAS INSTALLED IN A LOCATION HIGHLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO WATER INTRUSION. THIS MAY LEAD TO A LOSS OF REAR LIGHTING.

Consequence:

A LOSS OF SOME OR ALL REAR LIGHTING ON THE VEHICLE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS MAY IMPAIR VISIBILITY OF THE TRUCK INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL RELOCATE THE PDM TO INSIDE THE CAB BEHIND THE DRIVER'S SEAT FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT MAY 30, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DAIMLER TRUCKS AT 1-800-547-0712.

Notes:

DAIMLER TRUCKS RECALL NO. FL-529. 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, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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