



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

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08V-398

SUBJECT: TURBOCHARGER MOUNTING BRACKET

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:

STERLING/360/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-398

Mfg's Report Date: August 4, 2008

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: ENGINE: DIESEL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 238

Summary:

DAIMLER TRUCKS IS RECALLING 238 MY 2008 STERLING 360 TRUCKS. IMPROPERLY ALIGNED BOLT HOLES ON THE TURBOCHARGER MOUNTING BRACKET MAY LEAD TO CRACKING IN THE TURBOCHARGER HOUSING.

Consequence:

EXHAUST GASES CAN BE RELEASED FROM THE CRACK IN THE TURBOCHARGER HOUSING, WHICH COULD POTENTIALLY LEAD TO A FIRE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE INSTALLATION AND THE TURBOCHARGER BRACKET WILL BE REPLACED WITH A REDESIGNED BRACKET, WHICH ALLEVIATES THE BOLT HOLE MISALIGNMENT. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 10, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DAIMLER TRUCKS AT 1-800-547-0712.

Notes:

DAIMLER TRUCKS RECALL NO. FL-535. 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.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GP' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

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

