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Re: Defect Information Report FL-521, Air Disk Brake Bolts

Mr. Smith

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith reports a safety campaign to recall an unknown number of Freightliner Trucks Columbia, Cascadia, Century Class, and Freightliner Custom Chassis XCR Chassis manufactured with a defect in the air disk brake mounting.

Attached is Daimler Trucks North America's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,


Nasser Zamani

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Defect Information Report (Section 573.6)

January 17, 2008:

(c)(1) Manufacturer: Daimler Trucks North America LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
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Brands: Freightliner Trucks and Freightliner Custom Chassis

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:

Model(s) affected: Columbia, Cascadia, Century Class, and XCR Chassis

Model Years affected: 2008

Manufacture Dates: Estimated January 1, 2007 through November 19, 2007

Basis for determining population: All front and rear axles equipped with air disk brakes and assembled at the ArvinMeritor York facility between approximately January 1, 2007 and November 19, 2007.

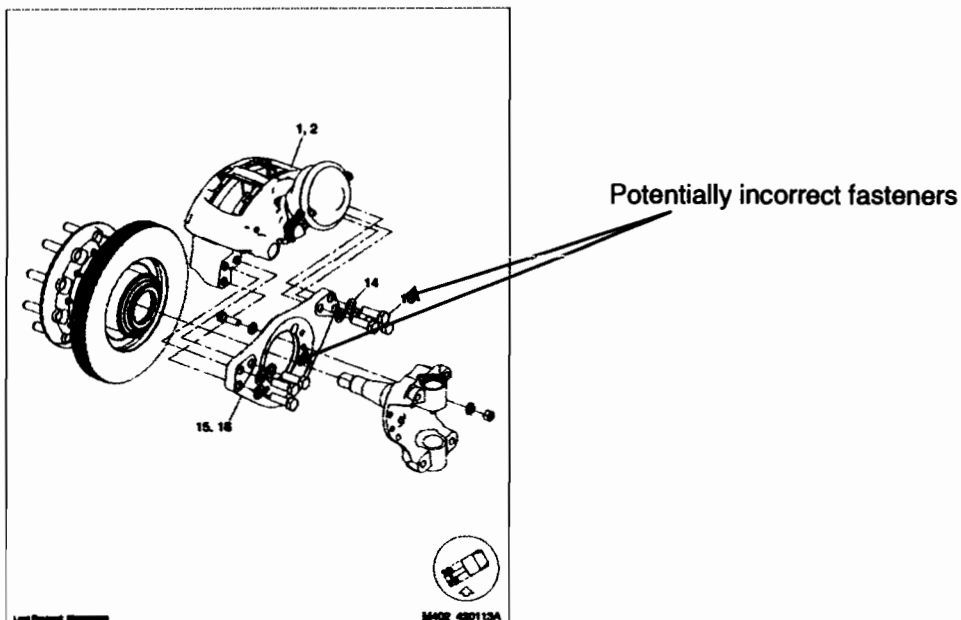
Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:

ArvinMeritor, Inc.
801 Railroad Avenue
York, SC 29745

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Undetermined

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect: 16%

(c)(5) Description of the defect: $\frac{3}{4}$ x 10 standard fasteners may have been used in place of M20 x 2.5 metric fasteners to attach the brake caliper to the brake anchor plate.



49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: Incorrect fasteners may not provide adequate clamping force between the brake caliper and brake anchor plate potentially resulting in reduce brake effectiveness. Reduced brake effectiveness could lead to a vehicle crash.

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- (c)(6) **Chronology of principal events:** 11/11/07 Freightliner Custom Chassis received a report of a left front wheel locking up on an air disk break equipped vehicle. 11/19/2007 issue determined to be cause by incorrect fasteners installed at ArvinMeritor York facility. Containment action implemented.
- (c)(7) **Noncompliance-test or other data:** Not applicable
- (c)(8) **Remedial program:** Potentially affected vehicles will be inspected to determine if incorrect bolts were used. If incorrect bolts are found, vehicles will be inspected for possible additional damage and repaired as required. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America dealerships and Direct Warranty customers, i.e., customers approved by Daimler Trucks North America to do their own warranty repairs.
Estimated dealer notification date – March 21, 2008
- Estimated Owner Notification Date:** Customer notification will be by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately March 21, 2008
- Reimbursement Plan:** Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.
- (c)(9) **Information for tire recalls:** not applicable
- (c)(10) **Communications sent to dealers and owners:** Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.
- (c)(11) **Copy of proposed owner notification letter:** A draft will be sent for ODI review when available.
- (c)(12) **Manufacturer's campaign number:** FL-521