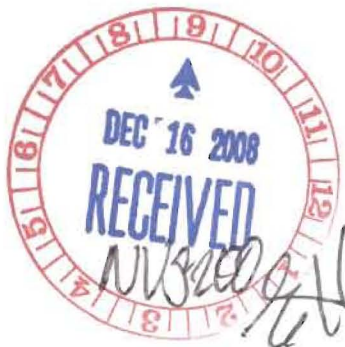


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Daimler Trucks North America
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December 5, 2008

Dan Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington D.C. 20590

**Re: Defect Information Report 08C-3 (FL-542),
MBE900 EPA04 High Pressure Fuel Lines**

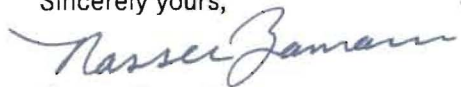
Mr. Smith

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 approximately 26,047 vehicles equipped with EPA04 certified MBE900 engines, manufactured by Detroit Diesel Corporation March 1, 2004 through July 31, 2006 with a defect in the high pressure fuel lines and transfer tubes.

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

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,


Nasser Zamani

Cc: Michael Mason, CAL-OSHA
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Defect Information Report (Section 573.6)

Date: December 5, 2008

(c)(1) **Manufacturer:** Daimler Trucks North America LLC
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Portland, Oregon 97208
(503) 745-5219

Brands: Detroit Diesel Corporation, Freightliner, Thomas Built Buses, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation, and Sterling

(c)(2) **Vehicles identification:**

Model(s) affected:

Detroit Diesel Corporation engines: MBE904, MBE906

Freightliner: Business Class M2

Thomas Built Buses: Safe-T-Liner C2, Safe-T-Liner HDX, School and non-School

Freightliner Custom Chassis: MT 45, MT 55, XC-Motor Home Chassis

Sterling: Acterra, L-Line

Model Years affected: 2004, 2005, 2006

Manufacture Dates: Engines manufactured March 1, 2004 through July 31, 2006

Basis for determining population: MBE904 and MBE906 engines manufactured March 1, 2004 through July 31, 2006

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer: Not Applicable

(c)(3) **Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** Approximately 26,047

(c)(4) **Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect:** Unknown

(c)(5) **Description of the defect:** High pressure fuel lines and transfer tubes on MBE900 EPA04 engines may fatigue and fracture.

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: A fractured fuel line may leak diesel fuel. If a leak continues undetected under certain conditions fuel may ignite at a hot engine surface and/or fuel may be spilled on the road surface. If a fuel line leaks the following conditions may be immediately noticeable to the driver: rough operation of the engine, low engine power, and the distinct scent of diesel fuel.

(c)(6) **Chronology of principal events:** Analysis of warranty and field service records indicated high levels of claims for these fuel lines. An engineering evaluation, including extensive laboratory analysis and engine testing, identified the root causes.

(c)(7) **Noncompliance-test or other data:** Not applicable

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(c)(8) (i) Remedial program: Fuel lines and transfer tubes will be replaced with more robust lines and vibration dampers. Repairs will be performed by Detroit Diesel Corporation distributorships and Direct Warranty customers, i.e., customers approved by Detroit Diesel Corporation to do their own warranty repairs

Reimbursement Plan: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(ii) Estimated Owner and Dealer Notification Date: Customer notification will be by first class mail using Detroit Diesel Corporation records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately February 13, 2009.

Dealer notification will be completed approximately February 13, 2009

(c)(9) Information for tire recalls: Not Applicable

(c)(10) Communications sent to manufacturers, dealers and owners: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(c)(11) Manufacturer's campaign number: 08C-3 (FL-542)