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**National Highway
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Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
09V-114

SUBJECT: HYDRAULIC BRAKE FLUID LEAK

DEAR MR. ZAMANI:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Trucks North America's (DTNA) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect in the vehicles listed below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal laws.

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:
FCCC/FB65/2005-2008
FCCC/FS65/2005-2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-114 **Mfg's Report Date:** April 2, 2009

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:FOUNDATION COMPONENTS:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 633

Summary:
DAIMLER TRUCKS NORTH AMERICA (DTNA) IS RECALLING 633 MY 2005 THROUGH 2008 FS65 AND FB65 SCHOOL AND TRANSIT BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM APRIL 12, 2004 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18, 2006, EQUIPPED WITH MBE906 ENGINES AND ALLISON AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSIONS. CERTAIN HYDRAULIC BRAKE LINES MAY CONTACT THE TRANSMISSION DIPSTICK TUBE AS THE ENGINE ROCKS.

Consequence:
CONTINUED CONTACT BETWEEN THE BRAKE LINE AND THE DIPSTICK TUBE COULD ABRAID THE BRAKE LINE, CAUSE A LEAK AND LOSS OF BRAKE FLUID, AND REDUCE BRAKE PERFORMANCE, POTENTIALLY RESULTING IN A CRASH WITHOUT WARNING.

Remedy:
DTNA WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND PERFORM REPAIRS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JUNE 5, 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DTNA TOLL FREE AT 1-800-547-0712.

Notes:
DAIMLER TRUCKS' RECALL NO. FL-550. CUSTOMERS MAY 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.

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 close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

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