



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

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MR. NASSER ZAMANI
SENIOR MANGER COMPLIANCE
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DAIMLER TRUCKS NORTH AMERICA
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PORTLAND, OR 97217-7699

NVS-215dgl
09V-128

Subject: CAB TILT BRACKET

Dear MR. ZAMANI:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Trucks North America'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 Federal law.

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:

AMERICAN LAFRANCE/CONDOR/2001-2007
FREIGHTLINER/CONDOR/2001-2007
STERLING/CONDOR/2001-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-128

Mfg's Report Date: April 2, 2009

Components: STRUCTURE:BODY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,062

Summary:

DAIMLER TRUCKS IS RECALLING 3,062 MY 2001-2007 CONDOR TRUCKS BUILT BY AMERICAN LAFRANCE, FREIGHTLINER AND STERLING. THE CAB MOUNTED BRACKET ATTACHED TO THE HYDRAULIC CYLINDER USED TO RAISE AND LOWER THE CAB FOR MAINTENANCE MAY WEAR LEADING TO INADEQUATE RESTRAINT, ALLOWING THE CAB TO FALL FORWARD ONTO THE GROUND.

Consequence:

A CAB FALLING FORWARD TO THE GROUND UNEXPECTEDLY MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY.

Remedy:

THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED A REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE JUNE 5, 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DAIMLER TRUCKS AT 1-800-547-0712.

Notes:

DAIMLER TRUCKS RECALL NO. FL-547. 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 contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at 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 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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