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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 FL-546, Sterling Bullet Sound Barrier (Silencer)

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 48 Sterling Model Bullet vehicles which Chrysler LLC equipped with a dash silencer pad that could sag and come in contact with an EGR cooler in the engine compartment. Sterling Bullets are manufactured by Chrysler LLC and distributed by Sterling pursuant to a distribution agreement with Chrysler LLC. Chrysler LLC initiated a recall for its affected Dodge brand vehicles and we have initiated this recall for the related Sterling branded vehicles.

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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Cc: Michael Mason, CAL-OSHA
Enclosure
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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

Date: February 19, 2008

(c)(1) **Manufacturer:** Chrysler LLC

Brand Name Owner Daimler Trucks North America LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
(503) 745-5219

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

Brands: Sterling

Model(s) affected: Bullet

Model Years affected: 2008

Manufacture Dates: January 1 2007 through November 5, 2007

Basis for determining population Potentially affected vehicles identified by Chrysler

(c)(3) **Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** Approximately 48

(c)(4) **Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect:** 7%

(c)(5) **Description of the defect:** See attached Chrysler report H34.

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: See attached Chrysler report H34 (NHTSA 08V-641).

(c)(6) **Chronology of principal events:**

Jan 28 2009, DTNA was informed of defect by Chrysler. See attached Chrysler report H34 (NHTSA 08V-641) for further details.

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

(c)(8) (i) **Remedial program** See attached Chrysler report H34 (NHTSA 08V-641) for further details. (Repairs will be performed by Sterling dealerships and Direct Warranty customers, i.e., customers approved by Sterling 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 Sterling records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately May 20, 2009

Dealer notification will be completed approximately May 20, 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:** FL-546



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December 4, 2008

Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
West Building, Fourth Floor
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Smith:

Attached is Chrysler LLC's ("Chrysler") Defect Information Report, complying with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, which contains details of a potential safety related defect in some 2007 and 2008 model year Dodge Ram heavy duty (2500/3500) pick up trucks equipped with 6.7L diesel engines. A silencer pad may sag and contact the exhaust gas recirculation cooler, which can result in an engine compartment fire.

Chrysler will conduct a safety recall to add a bracket to support the silencer pad.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Sak

Enclosure: Defect Information Report for Chrysler Recall H34

cc: K.C. DeMeter, NHTSA
Division of Occupational Safety & Health
California Department of Industrial Relations

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Submission date: December 4, 2008

Identifying classification of vehicles potentially affected:

Make	Model	Model Year	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture	Volume	Other
Dodge	Ram 2500/3500 pick up	2007-2008	January 1, 2007 through November 5, 2007	108,429 (estimated)	With 6.7L diesel engine only

Estimated percentage containing defect: 7%

Description of defect:

A silencer pad can sag and contact the exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) cooler, which can result in an engine compartment fire.

The following chronology of principal events led to the determination of a defect:

- In October of 2007 an internal investigation was initiated based on two reports of engine compartment silencer pads burned away in the area of the EGR cooler. Both were heavy duty pick ups equipped with 6.7L diesel engines, introduced during the 2007 model year.
- As a precautionary measure, in November of 2007 aluminum scrim and additional silencer pad fasteners were added adjacent to the EGR cooler while the investigation continued.
- Thermal studies determined the EGR cooler may achieve temperatures in excess of 900 F under certain driving conditions.
- A survey was initiated to evaluate silencer pad clearance to EGR cooler. Although the vast majority of vehicles exhibited significant clearance, 2 of 29 silencer pads exhibited contact with the EGR cooler (7%).
- Ongoing evaluation of high mileage vehicles determined engine compartment moisture may contribute to silencer pad sagging in the area of the EGR cooler.
- Monitoring of vehicles built post-November of 2007 has verified elimination of the sag potential with addition of the aluminum scrim and additional fasteners.
- Chrysler is currently aware of 14 complaints of engine compartment fire with vehicles built prior to November of 2007 that may be related to this issue.
- This data was presented to the Vehicle Regulations Committee on November 25, 2008 who decided to conduct a safety recall.

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Statement of measures to be taken to correct defect:

Chrysler will conduct a safety recall to add a bracket to support the engine compartment silencer pad adjacent to the EGR cooler. Chrysler expects to initiate national notification to both dealers and owners in December of 2008.

Chrysler has a longstanding policy and practice of reimbursing owners who have incurred the cost of repairing a problem that subsequently becomes the subject of a field action. To ensure consistency, Chrysler, as part of the owner letter, will request that customers send original receipt and/or other adequate proof of payment to the company for confirmation of the expense.