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Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215, Rm. W45-206)
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington D.C. 20590

**Re: Defect Information Report – Supplemental Report No. 4
09V-114, FL-550, FCCC FS/FB65 Hydraulic Brake Lines
Owner Re-notification**

Ms. Lewis:

In accordance with Part 573.6(c)(10) of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith submits supplemental defect information and a representative copy of the document distributed to owners.

- (c)(3) Owners of 196, vehicles were notified September 21, 2012.
- (c)(10) Copy of Communications sent to Owners and Dealers is attached.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



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FL550A
NHTSA #09V-114
REMINDER NOTICE

Subject: FCCC FS/FB65 Hydraulic Brake Lines

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Daimler Trucks North America LLC, on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Freightliner Custom Chassis FS65 (Thomas Built Buses Conventional) school bus chassis and FB65 shuttle bus chassis equipped with MBE 906 engines, Allison automatic transmissions, hydraulic brakes, and air ride suspensions with air compressors manufactured between April 12, 2004, and September 18, 2006.

Certain hydraulic brake line routing may contact the transmission dipstick tube, as the engine rocks, causing the brake line to wear. This may lead to a brake fluid leak and reduced brake performance, resulting in a possible vehicle crash.

Brake lines will be inspected and replaced and rerouted as necessary.

This is a follow up to a previous communication. Our records indicate that your vehicle has not yet had this Recall performed. Please make arrangement to have this repair done as soon as possible. If it has been completed, please disregard this letter.

Parts are now available for authorized dealers to order. Contact your authorized dealer to arrange to have the recall performed and to ensure that parts are available at the dealership. To locate a dealer, search online at www.Daimler-TrucksNorthAmerica@Daimler.com.

When you contact your dealer, refer to campaign number **FL550A**. The Recall will take between half an hour and two hours, depending on the work required and after any necessary parts have arrived at the dealership, and will be performed at no charge to you.

If you do not own the vehicle that corresponds to the identification number(s) which appears on the Recall Notification, please return the notification to the Warranty Campaigns Department with any information you can furnish that will assist us in locating the present owner. If you have leased this vehicle, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to the lessee within 10 days. If you are a subsequent stage manufacturer, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to your distributors and retail outlets within five working days.

If you have questions about this Recall, please contact the Warranty Campaigns Department at (800) 547-0712, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time Monday through Friday, e-mail address DTNA.Warranty.Campaigns@Daimler.com, or the Customer Assistance Center at (800) FTL-HELP after normal business hours. If you are not able to have the defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236 (TTY: 800-424-9153); or to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We regret any inconvenience this action may cause but feel certain you understand our interest in motor vehicle safety.

WARRANTY CAMPAIGNS DEPARTMENT

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