



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

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NVS-215dgl  
10V-149

SUBJECT: TRANSVERSE CONTROL ARM

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 recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

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:**  
UNIMOG/U500NA/2002-2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 10V-149

**Mfg's Report Date:** April 7, 2010

**Components:** SUSPENSION: FRONT: CONTROL ARM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 175

**Summary:**

DAIMLER TRUCKS IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2002-2006 UNIMOG U500NA TYPE 405.210 AND 405.230 TRUCKS. A WELD CONNECTING THE TRANSVERSE CONTROL ARM EYES TO THE CONTROL ARM TUBE MAY NOT BE TO SPECIFICATION, POTENTIALLY ALLOWING THE EYE TO SEPARATE FROM THE TUBE WITHOUT WARNING UNDER SEVERE DRIVING CONDITIONS.

**Consequence:**

UNEXPECTED SEPARATION OF THE TRANSVERSE CONTROL ARM EYES FROM THE CONTROL ARM TUBE MAY CAUSE A LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL POTENTIALLY RESULTING IN A CRASH AND PERSONAL INJURY.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE FRONT AND REAR SUSPENSION TRANSVERSE CONTROL ARMS AND IMPROPER WELDED TRANSVERSE CONTROL ARMS WILL BE REPLACED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE JUNE 11, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DAIMLER TRUCKS AT 1-800-547-0712.

**Notes:**

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](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](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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