



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

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NVS-215dgl
10V-360

SUBJECT: HEADLAMP HEIGHT

DEAR MR. ZAMANI:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Trucks North America LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment," 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:
FREIGHTLINER/M2/2011

Mfg's Report Date: August 2, 2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-360

Components: EXTERIOR LIGHTING HEADLIGHTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 16

Summary:

DAIMLER TRUCKS IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 BUSINESS CLASS M2 106V TRUCKS MANUFACTURED FROM APRIL 12, 2010 THROUGH JULY 16, 2010, FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 108, 'LAMPS, REFLECTIVE DEVICES, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT.' THESE TRUCKS MAY HAVE HEADLIGHTS WHICH MEASURE GREATER THAN 54" FROM THE ROAD SURFACE.

Consequence:

IMPROPER HEIGHT OF HEADLIGHTS MAY NOT FULLY ILLUMINATE ROAD SURFACE OR MAY INHIBIT THE ABILITY OF MOTORIST TO SEE VEHICLES INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL MEASURE THE HEADLAMPS AND VEHICLES WITH ABOVE 54" WILL RECEIVE NEW HEADLAMPS THAT LOWER THE BULB CENTER TO BE AT OR BELOW 54". THIS SERVICE WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 25, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DAIMLER TRUCKS AT 1-800-547-0712.

Notes:

DAIMLER TRUCKS RECALL NO. FL-583. 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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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 toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jennifer Timian
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement