

Daimler Trucks North America
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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-576, Unimog Transverse Control Arm

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 175 Unimog U500NA vehicles manufactured November 19, 2002, through January 23, 2007, with a front and/or rear suspension transverse control arm which may contain an out of specification weld. Under severe driving condition the control arm may fail making the vehicle difficult to control. Please note that this "Transverse Control Arm" was referred to as a "Wishbone" in Daimler's Foreign Recall Notice dated December 16, 2009.

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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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

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(c)(1) Manufacturer: Daimler AG, Mercedes-Benz Special Trucks, Unimog Division
Stuttgart, Germany

Importer: Daimler Trucks North America LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, OR 97208

Brands: Unimog

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:

Model(s) affected: U500NA Type 405.210 and 405.230

Model Years affected: 2002 through 2006

Manufacture Dates: November 19, 2002, through January 23, 2007

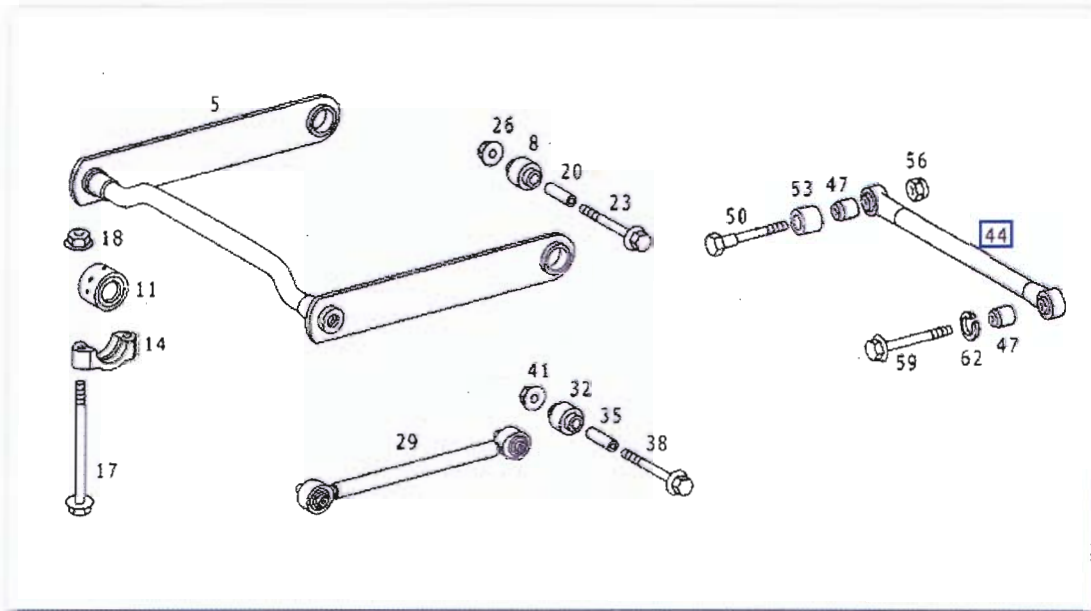
Basis for determining population: All Unimog U500NA vehicles offered for sale in the United States by Daimler Trucks North America

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer: Not Applicable

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Approximately 175

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect: Unknown

(c)(5) Description of the defect: 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.



Item #44 – Front and Rear Suspension Transverse Control Arm Assembly

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: 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.

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(c)(6) Chronology of principal events:

July 23, 2009: First claim for a broken transverse control arm. Failure later attributed to a poor weld in a defined lot of parts manufactured at Mercedes-Benz Molsheim plant (France), and used in producing vehicles November 2007 through May 2008.

November 20, 2009: Determination to perform a safety recall of all Unimog U500 vehicles produced November 2007 through May 2008. No vehicles offered for sale by Daimler Trucks North America fell within this date range.

March 1, 2010: During a routine inspection, a mechanic found a Unimog vehicle with a poorly welded transverse control arm on a vehicle manufactured outside of the original affected recall range.

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

(c)(8) (i) Remedial program: Front and rear suspension transverse control arms on potentially affected vehicles will be inspected to determine the quality of the weld. Improperly welded transverse control arms will be replaced. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America dealerships and Direct Warranty customers, i.e., customers approved by Daimler Trucks North America 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 Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately June 11, 2010

Dealer notification will be completed approximately June 11, 2010

(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-576