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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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SENIOR MANAGER COMPLIANCE AND
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DAIMLER TRUCKS OF NORTH AMERICA LLC
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NVS-215dgl
11V-008

SUBJECT: SEAT BELT ANCHOR

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 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:
FREIGHTLINER/BUSINESS CLASS M2/2010

Mfg's Report Date: January 7, 2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-008

Components: SEAT BELT FRONT ANCHORAGE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 366

Summary:

DAIMLER TRUCKS IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 FREIGHTLINER BUSINESS CLASS M2 VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM AUGUST 25, 2009, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3, 2009. THESE VEHICLES WERE BUILT WITH OUT OF SPECIFICATION INBOARD SEAT BELT ANCHOR PLATES THAT ARE NOT AS ROBUST AS INTENDED.

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT OF AN A CRASH, THE SEAT BELT ANCHORAGE MAY NOT CONTINUE TO HOLD IN PLACE THE SEAT BELT APPARATUS, INCREASING THE RISK OF THE BELT NOT RESTRAINING THE SEAT OCCUPANT AS INTENDED, AND INCREASING THE RISK OF INJURY TO THE OCCUPANT.

Remedy:

DAIMLER TRUCKS WILL REPAIR THE VEHICLES AND REPLACE THE EXISTING SEAT BELT ANCHOR AS NECESSARY FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE MARCH 11, 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DAIMLER TRUCKS AT 1-800-547-0712.

Notes:

DAIMLER SAFETY RECALL NO. FL-587. 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, 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 large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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