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**National Highway
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NVS-215kjs
11V-109

SUBJECT: REAR SUSPENSION SPRING FRACTURE

DEAR MR. ZAMANI:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Trucks North America's (DTNA) 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/ARGOSY/2010-2011
FREIGHTLINER/CASCADIA/2010-2011
FREIGHTLINER/CORONADO/2010-2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-109 **Mfg's Report Date:** February 21, 2011

Components: SUSPENSION:REAR:SPRINGS:LEAF SPRING ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: To be determined

Summary:

DAIMLER TRUCKS IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 AND 2011 ARGOSY, CASCADIA, AND CORNOADO HEAVY TRUCKS MANUFACTURED FROM JANUARY 4, 2010, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2010, EQUIPPED WITH 40K AIRLINER SUSPENSIONS. THE REAR SUSPENSION MAY FRACTURE THROUGH THE CENTER BOLT HOLE AFTER VEHICLE ASSEMBLY.

Consequence:

IF UNDETECTED, OVER TIME THE REAR END OF THE SPRING MAY SEPARATE FROM THE VEHICLE CAUSING A HAZARDOUS ROAD DEBRIS SITUATION, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DAIMLER TRUCKS WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE MONO LEAF SPRINGS FREE OF CHARGE. DAIMLER TRUCKS WILL SEND AN INTERIM LETTER TO OWNERS INFORMING THEM OF THE RECALL. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT MAY 27, 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DAIMLER TRUCKS AT 1-800-547-0712.

Notes:

DAIMLER TRUCKS' RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS FL-589. 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.

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. 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 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign. Sincerely,

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Jennifer Timian
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Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement