



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

July 12, 2011

MR. CURT IMERMAN
ENGINEERING MANAGER
LINK-BELT CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT CO.
2651 PALUMBO DR., PO BOX 13600
LEXINGTON, KY 40583-3600

NVS-215kjs
11V-348

SUBJECT: CATERPILLAR C15 ENGINE/POSSIBLE FIRE

DEAR MR. IMERMAN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Link-Belt Construction Equipment Co.'s (LBCE) 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:
LBCE/HTC-3140/2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-348

Mfg's Report Date: June 20, 2011

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4

Summary:

LBCE IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 LBCE MODEL HTC-3140 CRANES EQUIPPED WITH CATERPILLAR DIESEL C15 ENGINES. OVERTIME, A WELD IN THE COMBUSTION TUBE THAT IS INSIDE OF THE DIESEL PARTICULATE FILTER CAN FAIL CAUSING THE FILTER TO BE BURNED THROUGH BY HOT COMBUSTION GASES.

Consequence:

A FIRE COULD RESULT IF THESE HOT GASES ERUPT NEAR SOMETHING FLAMMABLE.

Remedy:

CATERPILLAR IS HANDLING THE OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. PLEASE SEE CATERPILLAR'S DEFECT REPORT 11E-006. CATERPILLAR WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING COMBUSTION TUBE WITH A THICK WALL COMBUSTION TUBE WHICH WILL NOT ALLOW THE HEAT TO BREAK THROUGH. THIS SERVICE WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS WERE NOTIFIED OF THE SAFETY RECALL BY LBCE ON JUNE 2, 2011. A SECOND NOTICE WILL BE ISSUED WHEN PARTS BECOME AVAILABLE WHICH IS CURRENTLY ESTIMATED TO BE AROUND LATE JULY 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT CATERPILLAR TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-447-4986.

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).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 your report, Caterpillar will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Caterpillar's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you 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 at the end.

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