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Dan Smith
Associate Administrator for Vehicle Safety
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington D.C. 20590

**Re: Defect Information Report – Supplemental Report No. 1
11V-289, FL-608, Fontaine Ultra LT Fifth Wheels**

Mr. Smith,

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith submits supplemental defect information and copies of documents distributed to dealers.

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles already repaired by the Fontaine campaign: 1,176
Total number of remaining vehicles notified by DTNA: 1,166
Total number of vehicles potentially affected: 2,342

(c) (8)(ii) Dealer and distributor notification: Began and ended July 16, 2011

(c) (10) A copy of communications sent to dealers is attached.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

Cc: Amy Martin, CAL-OSHA
Attachment

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IMPORTANT CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

ATTENTION: Dealer Principal, Warranty Manager, Service Manager, Parts Manager
Freightliner Dealers – U.S. and Canada
Western Star and Sterling Dealers – U.S. and Canada
FCCC Dealers – U.S. and Canada
Direct Warranty Customers – U.S. and Canada

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WARRANTY CAMPAIGNS DEPARTMENT

P.O. Box 4090 800-547-0712
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If you have questions about this Letter, please submit your inquiry on the Web at:

[AccessFreightliner.com / Support / My Tickets and Submit an Inquiry](http://AccessFreightliner.com/Support/MyTicketsandSubmitanInquiry)

REF #: ICI11-021

Effective: 07/15/11

Release: 07/15/11

SUBJECT: Reminder for Fontaine Ultra LT Fifth Wheel Recall

This letter is to inform you that DTNA is sending a follow up notice for the Fontaine Ultra LT Fifth Wheel Recall. Fontaine is conducting this Recall and sent an original notice to customers earlier this year.

IMPORTANT: Direct all questions regarding this campaign to:

Fontaine Fifth Wheel
(800) 874-9780
(205) 661-4900
(Outside the United States)

Copies of the letters follow for your reference.

If you have questions or need further information, contact the Warranty Campaigns Department by submitting an inquiry through [www.AccessFreightliner.com / Support / My Tickets and Submit an Inquiry](http://www.AccessFreightliner.com/Support/MyTicketsandSubmitanInquiry) from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday.

The information contained in this letter supercedes and supplements any related policies and procedures in any previously released bulletins, the Warranty Manual, and/or previously released letters. Failure to read or distribute this letter will not exempt addressees from compliance with the information contained herein.

**July 2011
NHTSA # 11V-289**

Subject: Fontaine Ultra LT Fifth Wheels

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Daimler Trucks North America LLC, is providing this notice on behalf of Fontaine Fifth Wheel NA. The vehicles affected are specific Freightliner Business Class M2, Cascadia, and Coronado vehicles manufactured April 7, 2010, through March 7, 2011, with Fontaine Ultra LT fifth wheels produced prior to January 10, 2011.

This is a follow up to a previous communication by Fontaine Fifth Wheel. Our records indicate that your vehicle has not yet had this Recall performed. Please make arrangements with Fontaine Fifth Wheel to have this done as soon as possible. If it has been completed, please disregard this letter.

When coupling the tractor and trailer, it is possible for the driver to partially close the fifth wheel lock. If the driver fails to perform the required visual inspection to ensure the tractor is connected to the trailer and instead relies on the sound of the lock closing and a pull test, the trailer may disengage, increasing the risk of a crash.

Fontaine Fifth Wheel is providing a service kit with all necessary components and detailed instructions to modify the fifth wheel. To arrange for a service kit for your vehicle or with any questions, please contact:

Fontaine Fifth Wheel
(800) 874-9780
(205) 661-4900
(Outside the United States)

Fontaine is making training material for the modified fifth wheel available. You may request it from your Fontaine sales representative or by calling the number above. It is also available online at www.fifthwheel.com. Specific links are:

- *Instruction Handbook (LT-149)*
http://www.fifthwheel.com/pdfs/literature/LT-149_UltraLTInstructions.pdf
- *Coupling / Uncoupling Flyer (LT-161)*
http://www.fifthwheel.com/pdfs/literature/LT-161_LT_HD-HR-Couple-Uncouple.pdf
- *Coupling Video (LT-166)*
<http://www.fifthwheel.com/video-ultra-coupling.html>

If you have leased this vehicle, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to the lessee within 10 days. If you are a subsequent stage manufacturer, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to your distributors and retail outlets within five working days. You may wish to submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236 (TTY: 800-424-9153); or to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We regret any inconvenience this action may cause but feel certain you understand our interest in motor vehicle safety.

WARRANTY CAMPAIGNS DEPARTMENT
Enclosure