



U.S. Department  
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**National Highway  
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Administration**

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12V-138

SUBJECT: NATIONAL SEAT COLD WELD

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/WESTERN STAR 4900/2012  
FREIGHTLINER/CASCADIA/2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-138      **Mfg's Report Date:** March 30, 2012

**Components:** SEATS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 8,747

**Summary:**

DAIMLER TRUCKS (DTNA) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2012 FREIGHTLINER CASCADIA AND WESTERN STAR 4900 VEHICLES, MANUFACTURED FROM DECEMBER 22, 2011, THROUGH FEBRUARY 23, 2012. THESE VEHICLES MAY BE EQUIPPED WITH CERTAIN NATIONAL SEAT BRAND DRIVER'S SEATS. THESE SEAT BASES MAY HAVE OUT-OF-SPECIFICATION WELDS THAT MAY ALLOW THE SEAT TO BUCKLE UNEXPECTEDLY.

**Consequence:**

AN UNEXPECTED MOVEMENT OF THE SEAT COULD AFFECT VEHICLE CONTROL AND VISIBILITY, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DTNA WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL HAVE REPLACEMENT COMPONENTS INSTALLED BY DTNA AUTHORIZED SERVICE FACILITIES, FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING APRIL 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DTNA AT 1-800-547-0712.

**Notes:**

DTNA'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS FL-624. 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 be reminded of the following:

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 Edison Thompson who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, or by email at [Edison.Thompson@dot.gov](mailto:Edison.Thompson@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jen for" followed by a stylized signature.

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