



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

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NVS-2151rd
12V-311

SUBJECT: HIGH PRESSURE FUEL LINE SUPPORT

DEAR MR. ARCHER:

This letter serves to acknowledge Pierce Manufacturing, Inc.'s (Pierce) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the equipment 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:

PIERCE/ARROW XT/2010-2012
PIERCE/DASH CF/2010-2012
PIERCE/QUANTUM/2010-2012
PIERCE/VELOCITY/2010-2012
PIERCE/CONTENDER BIG BLOCK/2010-2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-311 **Mfg's Report Date:** June 27, 2012

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: ENGINE: DIESEL
FUEL SYSTEM, DIESEL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 313

Summary:

PIERCE IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010-2012 VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM AUGUST 28, 2010, THROUGH MARCH 27, 2012, EQUIPPED WITH DETROIT DIESEL DD13 EPA 2007 AND EPA 2010 DIESEL ENGINES. THE PUMP TO RAIL HIGH PRESSURE FUEL LINE SUPPORT SYSTEM USED ON THESE ENGINES IS SENSITIVE TO ASSEMBLY TORQUE AND MAY BE DAMAGED DURING SERVICE WORK. AS A RESULT OF OTHER REPAIRS, THE LINE SUPPORTS MAY LOOSEN, POTENTIALLY LEADING TO FUEL LINE CRACKING AND A FUEL LEAK.

Consequence:

A FUEL LEAK IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE MAY RESULT IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

PIERCE WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND THE HIGH PRESSURE FUEL LINE SUPPORT SYSTEM WILL BE REPLACED BY DAIMLER TRUCK NORTH AMERICA (DTNA) AUTHORIZED SERVICE FACILITIES, FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL WILL BEGIN IN JULY 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DTNA AT 1-800-547-0712 OR PIERCE MANUFACTURING, INC. AT 1-920-832-3000.

Notes:

THIS IS PIERCE RECALL NUMBER 74B233. 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).

We have received your proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please 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).

According to your 573 report, Daimler Trucks North America will be submitting the quarterly recall completion rate reports.

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, 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