



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

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NVS-215KS
12V-576

Subject: Fuel Pipes may be Loose or Crack

Dear Mr. Zamani:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Trucks North America's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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:
STERLING/360/2007

Mfr's Report Date: December 7, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-576

Components:
FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER:DELIVERY:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,601

Problem Description:

Daimler Trucks North America is recalling certain model year 2007 Sterling 360 trucks manufactured from January 25, 2006, through January 22, 2007; and equipped with an EPA04 4M50 engine. The fuel lines may crack due to an improper manufacturing process. Additionally, the fuel pipe flare nuts may have been insufficiently tightened.

Consequence:

Cracked fuel pipes or loose fuel pipe flare nuts may leak fuel. A fuel leak in the presence of an ignition source may result in a vehicle fire.

Remedy:

Daimler will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the fuel lines and tighten or replace them as needed, free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin on February 5, 2013. Owners may contact Daimler Trucks at 1-800-547-0712.

Notes:

Daimler's recall campaign number is FL-636. Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Vehicle Safety hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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. Also, 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 one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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