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March 30, 2012

Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington D.C. 20590

Re: Defect Information Report FL-623, Steering Wheel Nuts

Ms. Lewis,

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith reports a safety campaign to recall approximately 1,046 Freightliner Cascadia and Business Class M2 vehicles manufactured January 20, 2012 through February 17, 2012, and equipped with a steering wheel nut that may not provide the clamp load required to fully seat the steering wheel on the steering shaft when tightened to the specified torque.

Attached is Daimler Trucks North America's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

Cc: Amy Martin, Chief Counsel, CAL-OSHA
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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

March 30, 2012

(c)(1) Manufacturer: Daimler Trucks North America LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
(503) 745-5219

Brands: Freightliner

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:

Model(s) affected: Cascadia, Business Class M2

Model Years affected: 2012

Manufacture Dates: January 20, 2012 through February 17, 2012

Basis for determining population: Vehicles built from the time suspect wheel nuts were supplied to the manufacturing plants until the suspect wheel nuts were quarantined.

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:

Facil Flexalloy
2242 Pinnacle Parkway
Suit 100
Twinsburg, OH 44087
330-487-2500

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Estimated at 1046

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect: 60%

(c)(5) Description of the defect: Property Class 04 (PC04) steering wheel nuts were supplied to DTNA in lieu of the specified Property Class 05 nuts. The PC04 steering wheel nuts may not provide the clamp load required to fully seat the steering wheel on the steering shaft when tightened to the specified torque.

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: A steering wheel that is not fully seated on the steering shaft may wobble and make it hard to control the vehicle increasing the risk of a crash.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: At the end of February the Cleveland Truck plant discovered that the steering wheel nuts were not as specified. DTNA checked and quarantined steering wheel nuts at all plants found to be affected. Vehicles that were still in the plants were retrofitted with the specified steering wheel nut. DTNA and the supplier began an investigation and testing of the steering wheel nuts to determine if the PC04 nuts were acceptable. On March 25, 2012 DTNA decided to conduct a voluntary safety campaign on certain Freightliner vehicles.

(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data: N/A

(c)(8) (i) Remedial program: Affected vehicles will have a new steering wheel nut installed. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America authorized service facilities.
Reimbursement Plan: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(ii) Estimated Owner and Dealer Notification Date: Customer notification will be by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed prior to May 25, 2012.

Dealer and distributor notification will be completed prior to May 25, 2012

(c)(9) Information for tire recalls: Not Applicable

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(c)(10) Communications sent to manufacturers, dealers and owners: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(c)(11) Manufacturer's campaign number: FL-623