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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-625, Quick Release Valve

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 3116 Freightliner 108SB, Business Class M2, Cascadia, and Coronado vehicles manufactured February 3, 2012 through March 2, 2012, and equipped with a Haldex quick release valve with a defect in a spin weld that joins the cover to the valve body.

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)

April 23, 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: 108SD, Business Class M2, Cascadia, Coronado,

Model Years affected: 2012, 2013

Manufacture Dates: February 3, 2012 through March 2, 2012

Basis for determining population: Vehicles built with 1 of 2 specific quick release valve part numbers from February 3, 2012 through March 2, 2012.

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:

Haldex Commercial Vehicle Systems Inc.

10930 N Pomona Ave.

Kansas City, Missouri 64153

Component Country of Origin: Mexico

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Approximately 3116

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect: 21%

(c)(5) Description of the defect: The Quick Release Valve (QRV) cover which retains the valve spring and diaphragm may not be adequately spin welded to the valve body potentially allowing the cover to become loose or separate from the valve body. If the cover separates from the valve body air pressure will not be supplied to the front brakes during brake application. The rear brakes will continue to function.

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: The vehicle stopping distance may be increased leading to a potential increased risk of a crash.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: In late February 2012 a QRV cover separated from the valve body at a DTNA production plant. DTNA immediately began working with the brake system and valve component supplier to determine if this was an isolated issue or if a larger population was affected. The component supplier identified an alignment issue with a spin weld fixture that affected 2 valve production dates. DTNA checked and quarantined quick release valves produced on the suspect dates at all plants found to be affected. Vehicles that were still in the plants were inspected and if the QRV was manufactured on a suspect date it was replaced. DTNA then began working with the system supplier to determine if a faulty valve could go through the truck manufacturing process undetected. On April 16, 2012 DTNA decided to conduct a voluntary safety campaign on certain Freightliner vehicles affected.

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

(c)(8) (i) Remedial program: The quick release valve will be inspected and if it is found to have been manufactured on a suspect date it will be replaced. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America authorized service facilities.

Reimbursement Plan: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

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(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 June 15, 2012.

Dealer and distributor notification will be completed prior to June 15, 2012.

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

(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-625