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Interim Recall Notice
NHTSA # 12V-242

Subject: Bosch Hydraulic Brake Calipers – Motorhome Chassis

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Daimler Trucks North America LLC (DTNA), on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Freightliner Custom Chassis motorhome chassis manufactured March 18, 2005, through July 19, 2011 with certain Bosch hydraulic brake calipers.

Certain motorhome chassis with hydraulic brakes that are exposed to long periods of non-driving may experience diametrical brake caliper piston growth and reduced piston to bore clearance. This may lead to brake drag and overheating, resulting in reduced brake performance. This could increase stopping distance, possibly resulting in a crash causing property damage and/or personal injury.

This is the first of two notices you will receive regarding this subject. This letter is to inform you of an upcoming Recall to correct the issue noted above. Daimler Trucks is currently validating the repair and securing replacement parts.

The second notice will inform you when the final remedy is available. When you receive it, please contact your authorized Daimler Trucks North America dealer to schedule the Recall for your vehicle.

If your vehicle experiences brake drag or overheating before you receive the second letter, please take it to a DTNA dealer to have the calipers replaced. If the vehicle is not currently being driven, you do not need to take any action until you receive the second letter. Symptoms that indicate a possible problem with a brake caliper include a spongy feel when applying the brakes, the ABS light is on continuously, smoke coming from a wheel end or a burning smell.

If you do not own the vehicle that corresponds to the identification number(s), which appears on the Recall Notification, please return the notification to the Warranty Campaigns Department with any information you can furnish that will assist us in locating the present owner.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact the Warranty Campaigns Department at (800) 547-0712, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday, e-mail address DTNA.War.Campaigns@Daimler.com, or the Customer Assistance Center at (800) 385-4357, after normal business hours. You may wish to submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236 (TTY: 800-424-9153); or to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We regret any inconvenience this action may cause but feel certain you understand our interest in motor vehicle safety.

WARRANTY CAMPAIGNS DEPARTMENT
Enclosure