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Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215, Rm. W45-206)
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington D.C. 20590

**Re: Defect Information Report – Supplemental Report No. 3
12V-137, FL-623, Steering Wheel Nuts
Owner Re-notification**

Ms. Lewis:

In accordance with Part 573.6(c)(10) of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith submits supplemental defect information and a representative copy of the document distributed to owners.

- (c)(3) Owners of 207, vehicles were re-notified May 23, 2013.
- (c)(10) Copy of Communications sent to Owners is attached.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

Cc: Amy Martin, CAL-OSHA
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NHTSA #12V-137
REMINDER NOTICE

Subject: Steering Wheel Nuts

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 Freightliner Trucks Division, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Freightliner 108SD, 114SD, and Business Class M2 vehicles manufactured January 20, 2012, through February 17, 2012, at the Mt. Holly or Cleveland manufacturing plants. (Please note, there is one Cascadia vehicle affected.)

Certain Property Class 04 steering wheel nuts with incompletely formed threads were supplied to DTNA in lieu of the specified Property Class 05 nuts. These nuts may not provide the clamp load required to fully seat the steering wheel on the steering shaft when tightened to the specified torque. 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.

Affected vehicles will have the steering wheel nut replaced.

This is a follow up to a previous communication. Our records indicate that your vehicle has not yet had this Recall performed. Please make arrangement to have this repair done as soon as possible. If it has been completed, please disregard this letter.

Please contact an authorized Daimler Trucks North America dealer to arrange to have the recall performed and to ensure that parts are available at the dealership. To locate an authorized dealer, search online at www.DaimlerTrucksNorthAmerica.com. The Recall will take approximately an hour and will be performed at no charge to you.

You may be liable for any progressive damage that results from your failure to complete the Recall within a reasonable time after receiving notification.

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 leased this vehicle, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to the lessee within 10 days. If you are a subsequent stage manufacturer, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to your distributors and retail outlets within five working days.

If you have questions about this Recall, 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.Warranty.Campaigns@Daimler.com, or the Customer Assistance Center at (800) FTL-HELP after normal business hours. If you are not able to have the defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, 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

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