



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

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NVS-215KS  
13V-073

**Subject:** Cracks in Fuel Tank may Leak Gasoline

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:**

FREIGHTLINER/MT45G/2011-2013  
FREIGHTLINER/MT55G/2011-2013

**Mfr's Report Date:** March 1, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V-073

**Components:**

FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:STORAGE:TANK ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,825

**Problem Description:**

Daimler Trucks North America (DTNA) is recalling certain model year 2011-2013 MT45G and MT55G van chassis manufactured from February 15, 2010, through April 30, 2012. These vehicles have gasoline fuel tanks that may experience cracks in the welds and tank material.

**Consequence:**

Cracks in the fuel tanks could lead to a leakage of gasoline and vapors. A fuel leak in the presence of an ignition source may lead to a vehicle fire.

**Remedy:**

DTNA will notify owners, and dealers will replace any of the affected fuel tanks free of charge. The recall will begin on April 29, 2013. Owners may contact DTNA at 1-800-547-0712.

**Notes:**

DTNA's recall campaign number is FL-640. Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

Per the requirements of 573.6(c)(2)(iv), please provide the contact information, address and country of origin (if known) for Tankcraft Corporation.

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](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto: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 a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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