



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

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Mr. Nasser Zamani
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NVS-215SM
14V-588

Subject: Inverter Causing Fires

Dear Mr. Zamani:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Trucks North America LLC'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/CASCADIA/2014-2015

Mfr's Report Date: September 22, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-588

Components:

EQUIPMENT:ELECTRICAL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 259

Problem Description:

Daimler Trucks North America LLC (DTNA) is recalling certain model year 2014-2015 Freightliner Cascadia vehicles manufactured May 5, 2014, to August 18, 2014. The affected vehicles are equipped with certain 1100W, 1500W, or 2000W inverters sold as a standalone option with both the Thermo King TriPac EVOLUTION and TriPac-e Auxiliary Power Units ("APU"). The Thermo King inverters provide 120V AC household power to a tractor cabin. The inverters may spark or overheat, resulting in a potential fire.

Consequence:

An inverter fire may result in a vehicle fire.

Remedy:

DTNA will notify owners, and Thermo King will either replace the inverter free of charge or refund the full purchase price. The recall is expected to be in November 2014. Owners may contact Thermo King customer service at 1-866-766-2708. Owners may also contact DTNA customer service at 1-800-745-8000. DTNA's number for this recall is FL-668.

Notes:

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.

We have received DTNA's proposed owner notification letter and have provided you with our edits.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

We understand that Thermo King will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer, DTNA is ultimately responsible for conducting an adequate safety recall campaign of its vehicles. Accordingly, if this safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require DTNA to conduct a follow-up notification and conduct additional quarterly reporting.

Your contact for this recall will be Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@dot.gov or through the office email at 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