



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

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Mr. Nasser Zamani
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NVS-215KS
14V-659

Subject: Loss Of Clutch Function

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/BUSINESS CLASS M2/2015

Mfr's Report Date: October 20, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-659

Components:

POWER TRAIN:CLUTCH ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 391

Problem Description:

Daimler Trucks North America LLC (DTNA) is recalling certain model year 2015 Freightliner Business Class M2 trucks manufactured May 27, 2014, to September 25, 2014, and equipped with certain models of Eaton Fuller 365mm clutches. Due to an incorrect clutch-release bearing component, the affected clutches may not disengage as needed.

Consequence:

The loss of clutch function could cause unintended motion or extend stopping distance, increasing the risk of vehicle crash.

Remedy:

DTNA will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and replace the clutches, as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on December 19, 2014. Owners may contact DTNA customer service at 1-800-745-8000. DTNA's number for this recall is FL-670.

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 it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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).

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 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 the first name being more prominent.

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