



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

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Mr. Nasser Zamani
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NVS-215KS
14V-717

Subject: Defective Valve Seat

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: November 7, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-717

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,765

Problem Description:

Daimler Trucks North America LLC (Daimler) is recalling certain model year 2014-2015 Freightliner Cascadia trucks manufactured July 22, 2013, to October 13, 2014, equipped with Wabco Quick Release Valves with Double Check manufactured February 6, 2013, to April 19, 2014. The affected vehicles may have been produced with a defective valve seat installed.

Consequence:

Improper seating can result in the valves improperly adjusting air pressure levels, thereby reducing the braking performance of the vehicles and increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Daimler will notify owners, and dealers will inspect, and replace the valves, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 3, 2015. Owners may contact Daimler customer service at 1-800-745-8000. Daimler's number for this recall is FL-673.

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.

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 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 the most prominent.

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