

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****15V-616****Manufacturer Name :** Daimler Trucks North America LLC**Submission Date :** SEP 29,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-616**Manufacturer Recall No. :** FL-692**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Daimler Trucks North America LLC

Address : 4747 N. Channel Avenue

Portland OR 97217-3849

Company phone : 800-745-8000

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 5,801

Estimated percentage with defect : 100

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2011-2014 Freightliner Cascadia

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Vehicles manufactured with suspect Fontaine Ultra LT Fifth Wheels

Production Dates : APR 05, 2010 - JUN 15, 2013

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2011-2014 Freightliner Business Class M2

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Vehicles manufactured with suspect Fontaine Ultra LT Fifth Wheels

Production Dates : APR 05, 2010 - JUN 15, 2013

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2011-2014 Freightliner Coronado

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Vehicles manufactured with suspect Fontaine Ultra LT Fifth Wheels

Production Dates : APR 05, 2010 - JUN 15, 2013

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2011-2014 Freightliner Columbia Glider

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Vehicles manufactured with suspect Fontaine Ultra LT Fifth Wheels

Production Dates : APR 05, 2010 - JUN 15, 2013

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Fontaine has reported "The subject fifth wheels and their locking mechanisms are susceptible to cumulative damage that may cause the fifth wheel lock to function improperly or a failure of the locking mechanism to properly engage. This cumulative damage is the result of the failure of operators to use proper coupling and maintenance procedures over a period of time. These practices include, but are not limited to, high coupling, a failure to conduct a proper visual inspection, a failure to ensure that the fifth wheel is in the fully open and ready to couple position prior to coupling, and failure to follow recommended maintenance practices. See attached Fontaine recall 15E-066

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : Fontaine reports that "Where cumulative damage has occurred and goes unnoticed during visual inspections and maintenance of the fifth wheel, the fifth wheel lock may fail to function properly and the locking mechanism of a damaged fifth wheel may fail to properly engage."

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : Fontaine Fifth Wheel Company

Address : 7574 Commerce Circle

Trussville ALABAMA 35173

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

In September 2015, Fontaine Notified DTNA that it had determined a defect existed in Ultra LT Fifth Wheels. DTNA decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall on vehicles equipped with suspect Ultra LT Fifth Wheels

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Suspect Fifth Wheels will be replaced . Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America authorized service facilities. Copies of the reimbursement plan will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Customer notification will be by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NOV 28, 2015 - NOV 28, 2015

Planned Owner Notification Date : NOV 28, 2015 - NOV 28, 2015

\* NR - Not Reported