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## Amended Defect Information Report (Section 573.6)

**FL-684**

**Date of Submission:** *June 9, 2015*

**Manufacturer:** Daimler Trucks North America LLC  
P.O. BOX 3849  
Portland, Oregon 97208

**Type of Report:**      ☒ **Safety Defect**      ☐ **Non-Compliance**

### Vehicle Information

**Model Yr. Start:**      2008      **Model Yr. End:** 2009

**Make:** *Sterling*

**Model:** *Bullet 4500/5500 Chassis Cab*

**Production Dates:**    **Begin:** 10/15/2007  
                                         **End:** 11/10/2008

### Descriptive Information:

*All Sterling Badged Dodge Ram vehicles are affected*

**Number potentially involved:** 2601    **Estimated percentage of involve with defect:** Unknown

### Defect / Noncompliance Description

**For this Defect/Noncompliance:**

**Describe the defect or noncompliance:**

Updated July 4, 2020 – This submission is to inform of DTNA’s intent to implement the “other” reporting category for removed vehicles in Quarterly Reporting as permitted in the Third Amendment to the Coordinated Remedy Order (“ACRO”), Paragraphs 45 through 49. As a condition of the ACRO, all affected vehicles will remain active, or “live”, across DTNA’s data systems such that any search of “other” removed VINs will return an open recall status. For this reason, the Number of potentially involved vehicles in this report will be 2601. However, for reference, the initial count of vehicles in the “other” reporting category is 288. Note that this count is current as of the first calendar quarter 2020. Future changes to overall Total Removed counts, including “Other,” will be reflected in quarterly reporting.

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*On May 18, 2015, Takata submitted a 573 Safety Defect Information Report to NHTSA, “Takata has determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety may arise in some of the subject inflators may experience an alteration over time, which could potentially lead to over-aggressive combustion in the event of an air bag deployment. Depending on the circumstances, this potential condition could create excessive internal pressure when the air bag is deployed, which could result in the body of the inflator rupturing upon deployment.”*

## **Describe the safety risk:**

*Per Takata’s May 18, 2015 573 Safety Defect Information Report (15E-040), “in the event of an inflator rupture, metal fragments could pass through the air bag cushion material, which may result in injury or death to vehicle occupants.”*

## **If applicable, identify the manufacture of the defective or noncompliant component.**

*Takata Corporation  
2500 Takata Drive  
Auburn Hills MI 48326  
United States*

## **Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination**

### **Provide the chronology of events leading up to the defect decision or test data for the noncompliance decision.:**

*May 2015 – Takata Defect Report indicated some Chrysler vehicles were affected.*

*May 2015 – Chrysler Defect Report included Sterling badged Dodge Ram vehicles that were affected.*

*June 2015 – DTNA became aware Sterling Bullet vehicles were potentially affected and decided to initiate a voluntary safety recall.*

*July 2020 – Population corrected to reflect latest count of vehicles known to be within the US based on discussion with NHTSA.*

## **Identify the Remedy**

### **Describe the defect/noncompliance remedy program, including the manufacture’s plan for reimbursement.**

*DTNA will conduct a voluntary safety recall on all affected vehicles to replace the front driver airbag inflator.*

## Identify the Recall Schedule

**Describe the recall schedule for notifications.:**

*DTNA will notify customers by mail*

**Planned Dealer Notification Begin Date:** 08/08/2015

**Planned Dealer Notification End Date:** 08/08/2015

**Planned Owner Notification Begin Date:** 08/08/2015

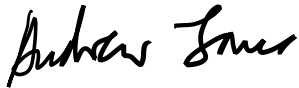
**Planned Owner Notification End Date:** 08/08/2015

**Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable):** FL-684

## Manufactures Comments to NHTSA Staff

*Use this field only as needed*

**DTNA Representative;**



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