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## Defect Information Report (Section 573.6)

**FL-699**

Date of Submission: 12/18/2015

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: 2015 Model Yr. End: 2016

Make: Freightliner, Western Star

Model: 108SD, 114SD, Business Class M2, 4900

Production Dates: Begin: 09/26/2014  
End: 11/06/2015

### Descriptive Information:

Vehicles manufactured with certain front axles identified by Marmon Herrington

Number potentially involved: 43 Estimated percentage of involve with defect: 72%

### Defect / Noncompliance Description

#### For this Defect/Noncompliance:

#### Describe the defect or noncompliance:

Marmon Herrington reported "The hex nuts on the flange yoke assembly were not torqued to specification." See Marmon Herrington recall 15E-065.

#### If a noncompliance, provide the applicable FMVSS:

N/A

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Check if this recall only affects products in certain geographic regions.

## **Describe the safety risk:**

If the hex nuts are not tightened to specification, the driveshaft may disconnect from the front drive axle, potentially resulting in damage to the road surface or large debris on the road, which may increase the risk of a crash.”

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

Marrmon Herrington  
13001 Magisterial Drive  
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## **Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination**

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

In September 2015, Marmon Herrington sent a customer notice to DTNA regarding recall 15E-065. In December 2015 Marmon Herrington provided DTNA with a list of VIN numbers of the affected vehicles. DTNA decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall on certain Freightliner and Western Star vehicles.

## **Identify the Remedy**

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

The hex nuts on the flange yoke will be torqued as necessary. 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.

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## Identify the Recall Schedule

### Describe the recall schedule for notifications.:

Customer notification will be made by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected.

**Planned Dealer Notification Begin Date:** 02/16/2016

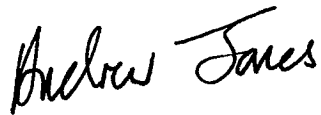
**Planned Dealer Notification End Date:** 02/16/2016

**Planned Owner Notification Begin Date:** 02/16/2016

**Planned Owner Notification End Date:** 02/16/2016

**Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable):** FL-699

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