

DAIMLER

Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

FL-702

Date of Submission: **February 26, 2016**

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: 2014 Model Yr. End: 2016

Make: *Freightliner Custom Chassis*

Model: *XCP Chassis*

Production Dates: Begin: *04/26/2013*

End: *12/15/2014*

Descriptive Information:

Certain XCP Chassis manufactured within the affected dates

Number potentially involved: *128* Estimated percentage involved with defect: *100%*

Defect / Noncompliance Description

For this Defect/Noncompliance:

Describe the defect or noncompliance:

The power steering fluid temperature may exceed the hose material ratings on certain rear engine chassis built with certain 18k and 20k front axles used in motor home applications, potentially leading to hose failure with a sudden loss of steering fluid and power assist, resulting in increased difficulty to steer the vehicle in either direction at low speeds.

If a noncompliance, provide the applicable FMVSS:

NA

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

Describe the safety risk:

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The subject vehicles are motor homes with 18k and 20k front axle load ratings. The failure mode on these systems may result in loss of power steering during low-speed driving conditions where unassisted steering wheel torque is significantly higher than during higher speed driving conditions. The relatively high front axle loads, slow operating speed failure mode, and the prevalence of non CDL operators means that a risk to motor vehicle safety cannot be excluded on this vehicle. Sudden loss of steering assist on this vehicle without warning could lead to a vehicle crash.

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

NA

Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination

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

Date	Fact or Event
July 2015	Reports of leaking power steering hoses.
September 2015 through February 2016	DTNA conducted extensive research and investigation into root cause and potential consequences.
February 2016	DTNA decided to initiate a voluntary recall campaign.

Identify the Remedy

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

The suspect hose will be replaced with a hose with a higher temperature rating. 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.

Identify the Recall Schedule

Describe the recall schedule for notifications.:

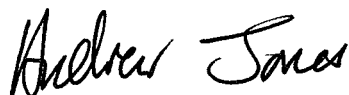
Customer notification will be made by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: 04/26/2016

Planned Owner Notification Date: 04/26/2016

Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable): FL-702

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