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Defect Information Report (Section 573.6)

FL-714

Date of Submission: **June 3, 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: 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:

Certain TK Holdings Inc. ("Takata") front passenger airbag ("PAB") inflators installed in Sterling Badged Dodge Ram vehicles may experience propellant degradation occurring after prolonged exposure to high absolute humidity, high temperatures and high temperature cycling.

Number potentially involved: 2596 Estimated percentage of involve with defect: *Unknown*

Defect / Noncompliance Description

For this Defect/Noncompliance:

Describe the defect or noncompliance:

Per FCA "...Takata has determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety may arise in some of the subject ammonium nitrate inflators due to propellant degradation occurring after prolonged exposure to high absolute humidity, high temperatures and high temperature cycling. " Reference FCA recall 16V-352.

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If a noncompliance, provide the applicable FMVSS:

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

Describe the safety risk:

Per FCA "Activation of a non-desiccated ammonium nitrate inflator with degraded propellant may result in an inflator rupture. An inflator rupture may cause metal fragments to pass through the air bag and into the vehicle interior at high speed, which may result in injury or death to vehicle occupants."

Reference FCA recall 16V-352.

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

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Auburn Hills, MI48326
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.:

At the end of May 2016 DTNA was notified that FCA filed a new recall related to Takata airbags. The FCA recall, 16V-352, included Sterling badged Dodge Ram vehicles. DTNA decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall on Sterling Bullet vehicles with a Takata passenger side airbag.

Identify the Remedy

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

The passenger side airbag 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.

Identify the Recall Schedule

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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: 08/01/2016

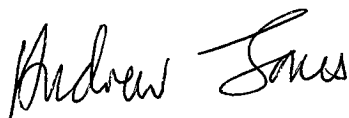
Planned Dealer Notification End Date: 08/01/2016

Planned Owner Notification Begin Date: 08/01/2016

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Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable): FL-714

DTNA Representative;

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Andy Jones
Manager
Compliance and Regulatory Affairs