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## Defect Information Report (Section 573.6)

FL-732

Date of Submission: Monday 27, 2017

Manufacturer: Daimler Trucks North America LLC  
P.O. BOX 3849  
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Type of Report:  Safety Defect  Non-Compliance

### Vehicle Information

Model Yr. Start: 2015 Model Yr. End: 2018

Make: Freightliner

Model: Western Star 4900

Production Dates: Begin: 3/3/2014  
End: 1/31/2017

#### Descriptive Information:

Certain Western Star vehicles manufactured from March 3, 2014 to January 31, 2017 with triple compartment aluminum tanks.

Number potentially involved: 450 Estimated percentage of vehicles with defect: Unknown

### Defect / Noncompliance Description

#### For this Defect/Noncompliance:

##### Describe the defect or noncompliance:

Certain Western Star vehicles built with a specific triple compartment aluminum air tanks may experience weld separation. Potential causes of weld separation include incomplete weld penetration, porosity and misalignment of end caps during assembly.

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

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

##### Describe the safety risk:

A rapid loss of air pressure without warning may result in reduced braking ability or application of the park brakes potentially increasing the risk of a crash.

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

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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 late December 2016, DTNA began investigating reports of Western Star triple compartment aluminum air tanks experiencing weld separations and opened an investigation. February 2017, DTNA decided to initiate a voluntary safety recall.

## **Identify the Remedy**

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

DTNA will replace affected air tanks with steel triple compartment air tanks. 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:**

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

<b>Planned Dealer Notification Begin Date:</b>	4/27/2017
<b>Planned Dealer Notification End Date:</b>	4/27/2017
<b>Planned Owner Notification Begin Date:</b>	4/27/2017
<b>Planned Owner Notification End Date:</b>	4/27/2017

**Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable):** FL-732

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