

## Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

**FL-746**

**Date of Submission:** *September 21, 2017*

**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:**            2013                                      **Model Yr. End:** 2018

**Make:** *Western Star*

**Model:** *4700*

**Production Dates:**    **Begin:** *12/17/2012*

**End:** *07/14/2017*

### Descriptive Information:

*Vehicles built with certain AWD axles and battery cable routings within the above referenced dates.*

**Number potentially involved:** 32      **Estimated percentage of involve with defect:** *Unknown*

### Defect / Noncompliance Description

**For this Defect/Noncompliance:**

**Describe the defect or noncompliance:**

*Articulation of All Wheel Drive axle yoke may create insufficient clearance to a battery cable routing allowing the power cable to contact the yoke.*

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

*N/A*

**Describe the safety risk:**

*If the battery cables contact the axle yoke over a period of time the cable may chafe leading to a short or possible fire which may result in property damage or personal injury.*

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

N/A

## Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination

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

*August 2017 DTNA received a report of battery cable contact to AWD yoke and began an investigation. September 2017 DTNA decided to conduct a voluntary safety campaign to recall affected vehicles.*

## Identify the Remedy

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

*The suspect battery cables will be inspected and repaired if needed. 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.*

<b>Planned Dealer Notification Begin Date:</b>	11/17/2017
<b>Planned Dealer Notification End Date:</b>	11/17/2017
<b>Planned Owner Notification Begin Date:</b>	11/17/2017
<b>Planned Owner Notification End Date:</b>	11/17/2017

**Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable):** FL-746

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