



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Andy Jones
Daimler Trucks North America LLC
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NEF-150MR
18V-116

Subject: Damaged Capacitor may Allow Water to Enter

Dear Mr. Jones:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Trucks North America LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

FREIGHTLINER/MT45G/2018
FREIGHTLINER/MT55G/2018

Mfr's Report Date: February 16, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-116

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 584

Problem Description:

Daimler Trucks North America LLC (DTNA) is recalling certain 2018 Freightliner MT45G and MT55G custom chassis built with certain uStart Ultra Capacitors. The bracket that secures the capacitor to the battery tray may damage the capacitor and allow water to enter the capacitor, causing corrosion or a possible electrical short.

Consequence:

An electrical short can increase the risk of fire.

Remedy:

DTNA will notify owners, and dealers will remove the capacitors, replacing them with an additional conventional battery, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in March 2018. Owners may contact DTNA customer service at 1-800-547-0712. DTNA's number for this recall is FL-760.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received DTNA's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement