



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
4747 N. Channel Ave.
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NEF-150MR
18V-442

Subject: Suspension Mounting Bolts may Loosen

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:

FCCC/XCL/2015-2018

Mfr's Report Date: June 29, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-442

Components:

SUSPENSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 512

Problem Description:

Daimler Trucks North America LLC (DTNA) is recalling certain 2015-2018 Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation (FCCC) XCL Chassis equipped with V-Ride suspension. The suspension mounting bolts may have been insufficiently tightened, which can result in the bolts loosening.

Consequence:

If the mounting bolts loosen, the track bars that maintain the positioning of the rear axle may detach, affecting the vehicle's handling and stability and increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

DTNA will notify owners, and DTNA authorized service facilities will inspect and correct the tightness of the mounting bolts, if necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin August 27, 2018. Owners may contact DTNA customer service at 1-800-547-0712. DTNA's number for this recall is FL-776.

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 have approved it for distribution.

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