

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Mr. Andy Jones Daimler Trucks North America LLC 4747 N. Channel Ave. Portland, OR 97217 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

> NEF-150MR 19V-371

Subject: Brake Pedal Clevis Pin Clip May Detach

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/MT45/2012-2019 FCCC/MT55/2012-2019

Mfr's Report Date: May 14, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-371

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS
SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:PEDALS AND LINKAGES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 9,702

Problem Description:

Daimler Trucks North America LLC (DTNA) is recalling certain 2012-2019 Freightliner Custom Chassis MT55 and MT45 vehicles. The brake pedal clevis pin clip may rub or bend on the throttle pedal and possibly detach.

Consequence:

If the clip is detaches and clevis pin slides out of position, the brake lights may fail. Loss of brake lights may mislead other drivers if they are unaware the vehicle is stopping or slowing down, which increases the risk of crash. If the pin continues to slide out further, the pedal may detach, increasing the risk of crash.

Remedy:

DTNA will notify the vehicle manufacturers that purchased these chassis, and DTNA dealers will inspect the clevis pin clearance and correct it as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin July 12, 2019. Owners may contact DTNA customer service at 1-800-547-0712. DTNA's number for this recall is FL-814.

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.



Please provide a list of the known vehicle manufacturers that purchased these chassis.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Joshua Neff

Acting Chief, Recall Management Division

Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

