



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

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Washington, DC 20590

April 1, 2020

Mr. Andy Jones  
Daimler Trucks North America LLC  
4747 N. Channel Ave.  
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NEF-150MR  
20V-176

**Subject:** Axles Insufficiently Lubricated

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/108SD/2019-2020  
FREIGHTLINER/BUSINESS CLASS M2/2019-2020

**Mfr's Report Date:** March 23, 2020

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 20V-176

**Components:**

POWER TRAIN:AXLE ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,532

**Problem Description:**

Daimler Trucks North America LLC (DTNA) is recalling certain 2019-2020 Freightliner Business Class M2 and Freightliner 108SD vehicles equipped with Meritor MX 120 EVO Front Drive Steer axles. The axles may have insufficient lubrication, which may result in damage to the wheel end bearings.

**Consequence:**

If the bearings are damaged, the wheel may separate and cause a sudden loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of crash.

**Remedy:**

DTNA will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and replace the wheel end components, as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin May 21, 2020. Owners may contact DTNA customer service at 1-800-547-0712. DTNA's number for this recall is FL-846.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

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](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement