

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

May 12, 2020

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 20V-251

Subject: Possible Loss of Drive System and Power Steering

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/BUSINESS CLASS M2/2019

Mfr's Report Date: May 5, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V-251

Components: POWER TRAIN

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5

Problem Description:

Daimler Trucks North America, LLC (DTNA) is recalling certain 2019 Freightliner Business Class M2 buses equipped with Cummins PowerDrive EV drivetrains, part numbers 4000EV, 6000EV, and 7000EV. A connector within the wire harness may become unplugged and cause loss of communication between control modules, resulting in sudden loss of drive power and power steering.

Consequence:

A sudden loss of drive power and loss of power steering increases the risk of a crash.

Remedy

Per Cummins, all of the affected vehicles have been remedied. Owners may contact DTNA customer service at 1-800-547-0712 or Cummins customer service at 1-800-286-6467. DTNA's number for this recall is FL-850.

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 be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

