

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

December 28, 2023

Mr. Sam Geser CRA Manager Daimler Trucks North America, LLC 4747 N Channel Ave Portland, OR 97217

Subject: Vehicle Rollaway from Incorrect Gear Shifter

Dear Mr. Geser:

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.

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-107ES

23V-895

#### Makes/Models/Model Years:

FREIGHTLINER/M2/2024

Mfr's Report Date: December 22, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V-895

# **Components:**

POWER TRAIN: AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION: GEAR POSITION INDICATION (PRNDL)

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,314

### **Problem Description:**

Daimler Trucks North America, LLC (DTNA) is recalling certain 2024 Freightliner M2 Business Class vehicles. The vehicle may be incorrectly equipped with a transmission gear shifter that includes a 'PARK' position despite the transmission not having a park pawl.

## **Consequence:**

When shifted into PARK, the transmission will actually be in NEUTRAL, increasing the risk of a vehicle rollaway and crash.

### Remedy

Remedy and is currently under development. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed February 20, 2024. Owners may contact DTNA customer service at 1-800-547-0712. DTNA's number for this recall is FL991.

### **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.nhtsa.gov.

## Please ensure the following requirements are met:

A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.



As required in Part 573.6, please amend the chronology to provide a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports with their dates of receipt.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 573.7, submission of the first of eight 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. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

Daimler Trucks North America, LLC's contact for this recall will be Emily C. Smith who may be reached by email at emily.c.smith@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

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