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Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V029

Manufacturer Name: Alexis Fire Equipment Company

Submission Date: Jan 21, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V029

Manufacturer Recall No.:

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Alexis Fire Equipment
Company

Address: 109 E Broadway Ave
PO Box 549
Alexis IL, 61412

Total number of potentially involved: 2

Estimated percentage with defect: 2%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2022-2024 Alexis Fire Equipment Tanker

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Emergency Vehicle

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Oct 18, 2022 - Dec 10, 2024

Number of potentially involved: 2

Descriptive Information:

The recall population was determined based on information provided directly by Daimler Truck North America LLC (DTNA). DTNA conducted an internal review of its manufacturing and component installation records related to Recall 25V-760 and identified specific vehicle identification numbers (VINs) that may have been assembled with axle clamp fasteners that were not tightened to the specified torque requirements during production.

DTNA subsequently notified Alexis Fire Equipment of the affected chassis by VIN. Alexis Fire Equipment relied on this manufacturer-supplied information to identify completed fire apparatus built on the impacted DTNA chassis. Only vehicles explicitly identified by DTNA as part of Recall 25V-760 were included in the recall population.

No additional vehicles beyond those identified by DTNA were included, as Alexis Fire Equipment does not install, modify, or torque the affected axle clamp fasteners as part of its manufacturing process.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

A defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in Model Year 2022-2024 Alexis Fire Equipment

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Tanker trucks built on Freightliner M2 chassis. The affected vehicles may have improperly torqued fasteners on the axle clamp group.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

If the fasteners are not properly torqued, they may loosen over time and could fail. If two or more fasteners within the same axle clamp group fail, the clamp group could release the axle leading to a dynamic thrust angle axle misalignment, impacting the driver's ability to maintain control of the vehicle and increasing the risk of a crash.

Description of the cause:

During the manufacturing and assembly process of the chassis by Daimler Truck North America LLC, the fasteners may not have been properly torqued.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Loose fasteners could be noticeable during a pre-trip inspection or routine maintenance, which for heavy-duty vehicles vocational vehicles of this type occurs every 10,000 miles.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier: Tier 1

Supplier Type: OEM

Name: Daimler Truck North America LLC

Address: 4747 N. Channel Avenue
Portland OR, 97217

Country: United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: BOLT

Component Description: HEXAGON, BLACK, M18 X 1.5 X230

Component Part Number: 23-14068-230

Component Name 2: CLAMP

Component Description: AXLE, UPPER, 117, LEFT HAND/RIGHT HAND

Component Part Number: 11-30302-000

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Component Name 3: RETAINER

Component Description: AXLE, REAR, 117, LEFT HAND/RIGHT HAND

Component Part Number: 11-30226-000

Chronology

In February 2025, following two individualized field reports from in-use vehicles indicating loose suspension fasteners on vehicles equipped with a TufTrac Gen 2 suspension, and after an initial engineering analysis of potential outcomes, DTNA initiated a formal investigation. This specific suspension option is used exclusively on specialized heavy-duty vocational vehicles and is not used in high-mileage applications such as refuse trucks, concrete mixers, or dump bodies.

DTNA reviewed the issue and its initial findings with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in March 2025 and again in April 2025. At that time, DTNA did not have an indication of a systemic issue given the heavy-duty application and the limited number of reported claims. DTNA reasonably believed that, if a suspension fastener became loose, the condition would likely be identified and corrected through required pre-trip inspections and frequent maintenance intervals typical for heavy-duty vocational vehicles of this type. Accordingly, DTNA elected to continue monitoring the issue. Nonetheless, DTNA implemented various improvements to its manufacturing process during this period.

From late April through mid-July 2025, as an increasing number of vehicles equipped with this optional suspension accumulated mileage, DTNA received a growing number of reports relating to loose, broken, and missing casting bolts. Four reports alleged an axle shift or impact to steerability. As a result, DTNA decided to reopen the investigation in August 2025 and reevaluate the failure rate and potential failure outcomes.

Based on new information regarding the potential severity of failure outcomes, DTNA determined on October 29, 2025, to conduct a safety recall to address this issue.

In January 2026, Daimler Truck North America LLC (DTNA) contacted Alexis Fire Equipment and provided a preliminary list of vehicle identification numbers (VINs) that may have been impacted by a potential suspension fastener condition associated with certain DTNA chassis.

Upon receipt of this information, Alexis Fire Equipment conducted a review of its internal records and databases to identify affected chassis that were either on premises or had already been delivered to customers. As a result of this review, Alexis Fire Equipment identified two vehicles built on the potentially affected DTNA chassis that had previously been delivered to customers. No additional affected vehicles were identified within Alexis Fire Equipment's records.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Repair

Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

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The remedy for this recall will be performed by an authorized Daimler Truck North America LLC service facility at no cost to the vehicle owner.

Under this remedy program, a Daimler Truck North America authorized service facility will inspect the fasteners on the axle clamp group. The fasteners will be tightened to the specified torque requirements, and the axle clamp castings will be replaced as necessary. The recall repair is expected to take approximately four (4) hours to complete and will be performed free of charge.

Vehicle owners should contact an authorized Daimler Truck North America dealer to schedule the recall repair and to ensure that required parts are available. Owners may locate an authorized dealer by visiting <https://northamerica.daimlertruck.com/brands/support>

. At the bottom of the page, owners should select the appropriate brand icon; each brand page includes a "Find a Dealer" option at the top of the page.

Owners may also contact Alexis Fire Equipment Company for assistance in locating the nearest authorized Daimler Truck North America service center.

In addition, owners may confirm whether their vehicle is included in this recall by entering their VIN at the following website:

<https://dtna-dlrinfo.prd.freightliner.com:48518/VinLookup/vin-module/getVinLookupPage>

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Component does not differ, unit is checked and if necessary tightened to the proper specifications.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

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Reimbursement Plan

Description of reimbursement program:

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If you have already paid to have this recall condition corrected, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement.

Requests for reimbursement may include parts and labor. Reimbursement may be limited to the amount the repair would have cost if completed by an authorized Daimler Truck North America LLC dealer. The following documentation must be presented to your dealer for consideration for reimbursement.

Please provide original or clear copies of all receipts, invoices, and repair orders that show

- The name and address of the person who paid for the repair
- The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the vehicle that was repaired
- What problem occurred, what repair was done, when the repair was done
- Who repaired the vehicle
- The total cost of the repair expense that is being claimed
- Proof of payment for the repair (such as the front and back of a cancelled check or a credit card receipt)

Reimbursement will be made by check from your Alexis Fire Equipment Company.

Period of reimbursement:

Costs to be reimbursed:

Parts and labor

Address for reimbursement claims:

109 East Broadway
Alexis IL, 61412

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Alexis Fire Equipment will send dealer and owner notification letters beginning January 28, 2026, to the two affected tanker apparatus identified as being built on potentially impacted Daimler Truck North America LLC chassis.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Jan 28, 2026 - Feb 06, 2026 No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Jan 28, 2026 - Feb 06, 2026 Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: