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May 24, 2012

Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington D.C. 20590

Re: Defect Information Report FL-628, Motorhome Hydraulic Brake Caliper

Ms. Lewis,

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith reports a safety campaign to recall approximately 2,287 Freightliner Custom Chassis hydraulic brake equipped motorhome chassis manufactured March 18, 2005, through July 19, 2011, that may experience diametrical brake caliper piston growth and reduced piston to bore clearance potentially leading to brake drag if exposed to long periods of non-driving.

Attached is Daimler Trucks North America's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

Cc: Amy Martin, Chief Counsel, CAL-OSHA
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Defect Information Report (Section 573.6)

May 24, 2012

(c)(1) Manufacturer: Daimler Trucks North America LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
(503) 745-5219

Brands: Freightliner Custom Chassis

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:

Model(s) affected: MC and MCL Chassis

Model Years affected: 2005 through 2012

Manufacture Dates: March 18, 2005 through July 19, 2011

Basis for determining population: Incomplete vehicles assembled for use as motorhome chassis and equipped with certain Bosch hydraulic disc brake.

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:

Robert Bosch LLC

Attn: Mike Burrill, Director - Product Quality

Phone: 248-876-6673

(c)(2)(v) Manufacturer(s) that purchased affected incomplete vehicles

Manufacturer	Approx. US	Approx. CAN	Address	Phone
Coachman RV	5	0	423 N Main Street Middlebury, IN 46540	(574) 825-5821
Fleetwood	5	0	1031 US 224 East Decatur, IN 46733	(260) 724-5795
Forest River	4	0	1800 W Hively Avenue Elkhart, IN 46514	(574) 522-1583
Gulfstream	443	0	503 S. Oakland Nappanee, IN 46550	(574) 773-7761
Monaco Coach	181	0	None	None
National RV	1	0	3411 N. Perris Blvd Perris, CA 92570	(951) 943-6007
Newmar	81	0	355 Delaware Street Nappanee, IN 46550	(574) 773-7791
Rexhall	1	0	46147 7th Street West Lancaster, CA 93534	(661) 726-0565
Thor Motor Coach	105	0	701 County Road 15 Elkhart, Indiana 46516	(800) 860-5658
Tiffin Motor Homes	1,368	5	105 2nd Street NW Red Bay, AL 35582	(256) 356-8661
Triple E RV	0	25	301 Roblin Blvd Winkler, MB Canada R6W4C4	(204) 325-4361
Winnebago Industries	63	0	605 W. Crystal Lake Road Forest City, IA 50436	(641) 585-3535

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- (c)(3) **Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** Approximately 2,287 (2,216 MC chassis, and 71 MCL chassis)
- (c)(4) **Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect:** Unknown
- (c)(5) **Description of the defect:** Hydraulic brake equipped motorhome chassis exposed to long periods of non-driving may experience diametrical brake caliper piston growth and reduced piston to bore clearance potentially leading to brake drag and overheating resulting in reduced brake performance.
- 49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety:** Under certain driving conditions, reduced brake performance may lead to a crash.
- (c)(6) **Chronology of principal events:** January 2012, NHTSA notified DTNA that it had received complaints of reduced brake performance on certain Bosch hydraulic disc brake equipped motorhome chassis. DTNA opened an investigation. February through May 2012, DTNA conducted an investigation including testing, field inspections, and the review of returned material. May 21, 2012, DTNA determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety exists in certain FCCC motorhome chassis equipped with specific Bosch hydraulic brake calipers.
- (c)(7) **Noncompliance-test or other data:** Not applicable
- (c)(8) **(i) Remedial program:** Suspect vehicles will be inspected to determine if they contain hydraulic brake calipers within the subject population. Brake calipers within the subject population will be replaced. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America authorized service facilities.
Reimbursement Plan: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.
- (ii) Estimated Owner and Dealer Notification Date:** Customer notification will be by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed no later than July 20, 2012
Dealer and distributor notification will be completed no later than July 20, 2012
- (c)(9) **Information for tire recalls:** Not Applicable
- (c)(10) **Communications sent to manufacturers, dealers and owners:** Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.
- (c)(11) **Manufacturer's campaign number:** FL-628