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of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs  
12V-242

**SUBJECT: MOTORHOME CHASSIS/HYDRAULIC BRAKE CALIPER**

DEAR MR. ZAMANI:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Trucks North America's (DTNA) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles 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:**

FCCC/MC/2005-2012  
FCCC/MCL/2005-2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-242

**Mfg's Report Date:** May 24, 2012

**Components:** SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,287

**Summary:**

DAIMLER TRUCKS NORTH AMERICA (DTNA) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2005 THROUGH 2012 FREIGHTLINER CUSTOM CHASSIS INCOMPLETE MOTORHOME CHASSIS MANUFACTURED FROM MARCH 18, 2005, THROUGH JULY 19, 2011, EQUIPPED WITH BOSCH HYDRAULIC DISC BRAKE. HYDRAULIC BRAKE EQUIPPED MOTORHOME CHASSIS EXPOSED TO LONG PERIODS OF TIME 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.

**Consequence:**

REDUCED BRAKE PERFORMANCE MAY LEAD TO A VEHICLE CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DTNA WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DTNA DEALERS WILL REPAIR THE VEHICLES, FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE JULY 20, 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DTNA AT 1-800-547-0712.

**Notes:**

DTNA'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS FL-628. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE12-004, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Please provide the following additional information and 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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Therefore, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-5227, or by email at [Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov](mailto:Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement