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of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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7900 NATIONAL SERVICE ROAD
GREENSBORO, NC 27409

NVS-215et
12V-252

Subject: AIR BRAKE SYSTEM

Dear MR. LAFON:

This letter serves to acknowledge UD Trucks North America's (UD Trucks) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 121, "Air Brake Systems," 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:

UD TRUCKS/UD3300/2008-2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-252

Mfg's Report Date: June 1, 2012

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, AIR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 261

Summary:

UD TRUCKS NORTH AMERICA (UD TRUCKS) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008-2010 UD 3300 TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH A DUAL STEERING SYSTEM. MODIFICATIONS TO THE VEHICLES MAY HAVE RESULTED IN LOSS OF ISOLATION BETWEEN THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY AIR BRAKE SYSTEMS. THUS, THESE VEHICLES FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NUMBER 121, "AIR BRAKE SYSTEMS." MODIFICATIONS TO THE VEHICLES MAY HAVE RESULTED IN LOSS OF ISOLATION BETWEEN THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY AIR BRAKE SYSTEMS.

Consequence:

IF THE VEHICLE EXPERIENCES AN AIR LEAK IN EITHER THE PRIMARY OR THE SECONDARY SYSTEM, THE VEHICLE MAY EXPERIENCE A TOTAL LOSS OF BRAKES, INCREASING THE RISK OF A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

UD TRUCKS WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND WILL CORRECT THE AIR BRAKE SYSTEM OF THE AFFECTED VEHICLES. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE JULY 15, 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT UD TRUCKS AT 1-336-393-2233.

Notes:

OWNERS 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).

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. 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. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Edison Thompson who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Edison.Thompson@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a 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 long horizontal stroke at the end.

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