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Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215, Rm. W45-206)
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington D.C. 20590

**Re: Defect Information Report – Supplemental Report No. 7
08V-137, FL-527, Medium Duty Axle Spindle Nuts
Owner Re-notification**

Ms. Lewis:

In accordance with Part 573.6(c)(10) of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith submits supplemental defect information and a representative copy of the document distributed to owners.

- (c)(3) Owners of 5,980, vehicles were notified September 21, 2012.
- (c)(10) Copy of Communications sent to Owners and Dealers is attached.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



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REMINDER NOTICE

Subject: Medium Duty Axle Spindle Nuts

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Daimler Trucks North America LLC, on behalf of its Freightliner Trucks Division and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Sterling Truck Corporation and Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Freightliner Business Class and Business Class M2; Sterling Acterra; and Freightliner Custom Chassis FS65 and B2 (Thomas Built Buses Saf-T-Liner C2) school bus chassis and FB65 shuttle bus chassis manufactured between January 26, 2000, and March 24, 2008, by ArvinMeritor or Axle Alliance Company with 6,000 or 8,000 pound front axles and a four-piece spindle nut set.

Installation of a four-piece spindle nut set with a thin spindle nut may lead to damage of the wheel end, including incorrect end play, degradation of lubrication, wear of the spindle nut and bearing journal, oil contamination with metal shavings, and premature bearing failure. Outer wheel bearing failure will cause noise and vibration that will be noticeable to the driver and the Antilock Braking System warning light will illuminate. Continued operation with the warning light illuminated may result in wheel separation and a possible vehicle crash.

The existing four-piece spindle nut set will be replaced with a more robust nut set using a thicker, harder inner nut and a new hub cap will be installed.

This is a follow up to a previous communication. Our records indicate that your vehicle has not yet had this recall performed. Please make arrangements to have this repair done as soon as possible. If it has been completed, please disregard this letter.

Please contact an authorized Daimler Trucks North America dealer to arrange to have the recall performed and to ensure that parts are available at the dealership. To locate an authorized dealer, search online at www.DaimlerTrucksNorthAmerica.com. The Recall will take approximately two to three and a half hours, and will be performed at no charge to you.

If you do not own the vehicle that corresponds to the identification number(s) which appears on the Recall Notification, please return the notification to the Warranty Campaigns Department with any information you can furnish that will assist us in locating the present owner. If you have leased this vehicle, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to the lessee within 10 days. If you are a subsequent stage manufacturer, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to your distributors and retail outlets within five working days.

If you have questions about this Recall, please contact the Warranty Campaigns Department at (800) 547-0712, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time Monday through Friday, e-mail address DTNA.Warranty.Campaigns@Daimler.com, or the Customer Assistance Center at (800) FTL-HELP after normal business hours. If you are not able to have the defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, which is not longer than 60 days after you tender the vehicle for repair, you may wish to submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236 (TTY: 800-424-9153); or to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We regret any inconvenience this action may cause but feel certain you understand our interest in motor vehicle safety.

WARRANTY CAMPAIGNS DEPARTMENT

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