



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215KS
13V-099

Subject: Daytime Running Lights may not Reactivate

Dear Mr. Zamani:

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

FREIGHTLINER/CASCADIA/2013-2014

Mfr's Report Date: March 15, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-099

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: SOFTWARE
EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 42,823

Problem Description:

Daimler Trucks North America (DTNA) is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 Freightliner Cascadia tractors manufactured from May 7, 2012, through March 2, 2013 and equipped with a SAMCAB software version 6.2. On vehicles configured to have the turn signals operate as Daytime Running Lights (DRLs) and the 'Turn-Tip' turn signal function activated, the DRLs may not illuminate properly after using the 'Turn-Tip' function while driving.

Consequence:

Failure of the DRLs to illuminate reduces visibility to other drivers and increases the risk of a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

The remedy for this recall campaign is still under development. The recall is expected to begin by May 15, 2013. Owners may contact DTNA at 1-800-547-0712.

Notes:

DTNA's recall campaign number is FL-641. Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please notify NHTSA of DTNA's proposed remedy as soon as it is determined.

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. 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 one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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