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May 10, 2013

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. 1
13V-099, FL-641, Freightliner Cascadia Daytime Running Lights
Interim Notification**

Ms. Lewis:

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith submits supplemental defect information and copies of documents distributed to dealers. Owners of potentially affected vehicles will be notified by May 17, 2013.

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: 52,376

(c) (8)(ii) Dealer and distributor notification: Began and ended May 10, 2013

(c) (10) A copy of communications sent to dealers is attached.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

Cc: Amy Martin, CAL-OSHA
Attachment

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IMPORTANT CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

ATTENTION: Dealer Principal, Warranty Manager, Service Manager, Parts Manager
Freightliner Dealers – U.S. and Canada
Western Star and Sterling Dealers – U.S. and Canada
FCCC Dealers – U.S. and Canada
Direct Warranty Customers – U.S. and Canada

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WARRANTY CAMPAIGNS DEPARTMENT
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REF #: ICI13-007

Effective: 05/15/13

Release: 05/10/13

SUBJECT: FL641 – Interim Recall Notice

If you have questions about this Letter, please submit your inquiry on the Web at:

**AccessFreightliner.com /
Support / My Tickets and
Submit an Inquiry**

This letter is to inform you that, an interim recall notice is being mailed to customers with vehicles involved in an upcoming recall – FL641, *Freightliner Cascadia Daytime Running Lights*. The notices are included on the following pages for reference.

A software update is being developed and validated. Repairs will begin when this is completed and the update is available.

There is no action for dealers to take at this time. Customers are being advised not to use the “Turn-Tip” function in the interim.

If you have questions or need further information, contact the Warranty Campaigns Department by submitting an inquiry through www.AccessFreightliner.com / Support / My Tickets and Submit an Inquiry from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday.

The information contained in this letter supercedes and supplements any related policies and procedures in any previously released bulletins, the Warranty Manual, and/or previously released letters. Failure to read or distribute this letter will not exempt addressees from compliance with the information contained herein.

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**May 2013
FL641
Interim Recall Notice
NHTSA #13V-099**

Subject: Freightliner Cascadia Daytime Running Lights

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 (DTNA), on behalf of its Freightliner Trucks Division, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on two specific groups of Freightliner Cascadia vehicles configured with turn signals that function as daytime running lights (DRLs), SAMCAB software version 6.2, and the "Turn-Tip" function activated. The first group was manufactured with this configuration May 7, 2012, through March 2, 2013. The second group received this as part of a software update during a service visit. (Vehicles not configured in this manner are not affected.)

The "Turn-Tip" feature allows the turn signals to flash three to five times after the turn signal lever is released if the lever is held in an unlatched position for less than 500 milliseconds. On certain vehicles, due to an anomaly in the SAMCAB 6.2 software, one or both of the DRLs may not reactivate for some period of time after the "Turn-Tip" function completes its cycle. Failure of one or both of the DRLs to illuminate reduces the vehicle's visibility to other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

The DRLs will resume normal operation if any of the following actions occur: the turn signal lever is held in the unlatched position for more than 500 milliseconds, the turn signal lever is moved to a latched position, the hazard lights are activated, the headlights are turned on, or the ignition switch status is changed.

This is the first of two notices you will receive regarding this subject. This letter is to inform you of an upcoming Recall to correct the issue noted above. A software update must be developed and validated. Until the final remedy is available, DTNA recommends that you do not use the "Turn-Tip" function. You may continue to operate your vehicle in the interim.

The second notice will inform you when the final remedy is available. *When you receive the second notice*, please contact your authorized Daimler Trucks North America dealer to schedule the Recall for your vehicle.

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 questions or need further information, 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.War.Campaigns@Daimler.com, or the Customer Assistance Center at (800) 385-4357, after normal business hours. 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
Enclosure