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08V-668

SUBJECT: FRACTURED FUEL LINES OR TRANSFER TUBES/FIRE

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 defect in the vehicles listed below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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/MT 45/2004-2006
FCCC/MT 55/2004-2006
FCCC/XC/2004-2006
FREIGHTLINER/BUSINESS CLASS M2/2004-2006
STERLING/ACTERRA/2004-2006
STERLING/L-LINE/2004-2006
THOMAS BUILT BUSES/HDX/2004-2006
THOMAS BUILT BUSES/SAF-T-LINER C2/2004-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-668 **Mfg's Report Date:** December 5, 2008

Components: FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER:DELIVERY:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 26,047

Summary:

DAIMLER TRUCKS NORTH AMERICA (DTNA) IS RECALLING 26,047 SCHOOL AND NON-SCHOOL BUSES, MOTOR HOME CHASSIS, AND TRUCKS MANUFACTURED FROM MARCH 9, 2004 THROUGH AUGUST 18, 2006, EQUIPPED WITH EPA04 CERTIFIED MBE900 ENGINES, MANUFACTURED BY DETROIT DIESEL BETWEEN MARCH 1, 2004, AND JULY 31, 2006. THE HIGH PRESSURE FUEL LINES AND TRANSFER TUBES MAY FATIGUE AND FRACTURE.

Consequence:

A FRACTURED FUEL LINE MAY LEAK DIESEL FUEL POSSIBLY RESULTING IN A FIRE OR FUEL MAY BE SPILLED ON THE ROAD CAUSING A SLIPPERY SURFACE, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

DETROIT DIESEL WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND THE VEHICLES WILL BE REPAIRED WITH MORE ROBUST LINES AND VIBRATION DAMPERS FREE OF CHARGE. REPAIRS WILL BE PERFORMED BY AUTHORIZED DETROIT DIESEL DISTRIBUTORSHIPS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 13, 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DETROIT DIESEL 1-313-592-3708 OR DTNA TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-547-0712 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Notes:

DAIMLER TRUCKS RECALL NO. FL-542. CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

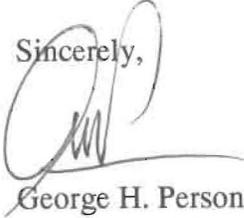
As stated in your report, we understand that Detroit Diesel will be conducting this safety recall and sending out notification to owners. Therefore, DTNA will not be required to submit a draft owner notification letter at this time. However, since DTNA is responsible for the defect in accordance with 49 CFR §573.5, please be advised that if Detroit Diesel's safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require DTNA to conduct a follow-up notification.

Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates for the build date range of the vehicles affected by this recall.

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. Detroit Diesel will be required to file the first quarterly report 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, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a large loop at the top and a horizontal line extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement