

Daimler Trucks North America
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Dan Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington D.C. 20590

Re: Defect Information Report FL-558, Caterpillar VVA Line

Mr. Smith

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith reports a safety campaign to recall approximately 25,362 Freightliner Argosy, Century Class, Columbia, Coronado, FLD, Sterling A Line, L Line, Western Star 4900, 6900 vehicles equipped with Caterpillar C15 engines, manufactured April 2003 through June 2009 with a defect in the Variable Valve Actuation (VVA) Oil Line. .

Attached is Daimler Trucks North America's Defect Information Report and the Caterpillar Defect Information Report (09E-020).

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,


Nasser Zamani

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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

Date: September 21, 2009

(c)(1) Manufacturer: Daimler Trucks North America LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
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Brands: Freightliner, Sterling, Western Star

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:

Model(s) affected: Freightliner - Argosy, Century Class, Columbia, Coronado, FLD
Sterling - A Line, L Line
Western Star - 4900, 6900

Model Years affected: 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Manufacture Dates: April 2003 through June 2009

Basis for determining population: Engine Serial numbers provided by Caterpillar

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:

Caterpillar Inc.
100 NE Adams Street
Peoria, Illinois 61629-9240

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Approximately 25,362

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect: See Attached Defect Information Report from Caterpillar Inc.

(c)(5) Description of the defect: Caterpillar has submitted a Part 573 Defect Information Report to NHTSA to recall certain C15 engines for a defect in the variable valve actuation oil line installation. The oil line may wear against the P-clips retaining it, causing an oil leak. See attached Defect Information Report from Caterpillar Inc (09E-020).

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: See attached Defect Information Report from Caterpillar Inc.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: See attached Defect Information Report from Caterpillar Inc. Daimler Trucks North America received a copy of the Caterpillar Defect Information Report August 5, 2009.

(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data: Not Applicable

(c)(8) (i) Remedial program: Caterpillar will notify vehicle owners and administer this recall campaign. See attached Defect Information Report from Caterpillar Inc.

Reimbursement Plan: Caterpillar will notify vehicle owners and administer this recall campaign.

(ii) Estimated Owner and Dealer Notification Date: Caterpillar will notify vehicle owners and administer this recall campaign.

(c)(9) Information for tire recalls: Not Applicable

(c)(10) Communications sent to manufacturers, dealers and owners: Caterpillar will notify vehicle owners and administer this recall campaign.

(c)(11) Manufacturer's campaign number: FL-558