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Dan Smith  
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**Re: Defect Information Report – Supplemental Report No. 2  
11V-465, FL-612, Meritor WABCO Electronic Stability Control Systems  
Interim Recall Notice**

Mr. Smith,

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 a representative copy of the document distributed to owners.

**(c)(3)** Non School Bus Owners of 4,444, vehicles were notified on November 21, 2011.

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

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

Cc: Amy Martin, CAL-OSHA  
Attachment

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## Subject: Meritor WABCO Electronic Stability Control Systems

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, and its wholly owned subsidiary, Sterling Truck Corporation, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Freightliner Business Class M2, Cascadia, Century Class S/T, and Columbia vehicles and Sterling A-Line vehicles manufactured August 29, 2005, through September 29, 2011, with Meritor WABCO Electronic Stability Control (ESC).

Under certain road and driving conditions involving tight, successive, highly banked curves in opposite directions, the Meritor WABCO ESC may perceive an over steering situation and apply either front axle wheel brake until the vehicle is perceived to be stable. This unnecessary brake intervention may pull the vehicle out of the intended line of travel, requiring the driver to counter steer. If the driver is slow to react, the vehicle may deviate from the intended path, increasing the possibility of vehicle crash.

This is the first of two notices you will receive regarding this subject. This letter is to inform you of an upcoming Recall and provide important information regarding steps you may take in the interim. Daimler Trucks is currently developing a remedy and will notify you when it is available.

**If you drive in the following conditions, DTNA strongly recommends that you have the ESC temporarily disabled:**

- **If you drive on California HWY 41 between Oakhurst and Fish Camp**
- **If you drive on roads with S-curves banked at 6 to 10 degrees or more**

For all other driving conditions, out of an abundance of caution, DTNA suggests that the ESC function be disabled until the final remedy is available. Please contact a DTNA-authorized dealer to have this done at no charge to you.

When the final remedy is available you will receive a second notice. *When you receive the second notice*, please contact a DTNA-authorized dealer to schedule the final Recall repair.

If you do not own the vehicle that corresponds to the identification number(s), which appears on the Recall Notification, please return the notification with any information you can furnish that will assist us in locating the present owner. Also, under Federal Law, any vehicle lessor receiving this Recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten (10) days.

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