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September 4, 2013

Nancy Lewis
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-644, Air Disc Caliper Bolts

Ms. Lewis,

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 112 Freightliner Cascadia vehicles manufactured January 21, 2013 through May 10, 2013 and equipped with Wabco Maxxus Brakes.

Attached is Daimler Trucks North America's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

Cc: Amy Martin, Chief Counsel, CAL-OSHA
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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

September 4, 2013

(c)(1) Manufacturer: Daimler Trucks North America LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
(503) 745-5219

Brands: Freightliner

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:

Model(s) affected: Cascadia

Model Years affected: 2014

Manufacture Dates: January 21, 2013 through May 10, 2013

Basis for determining population: Certain vehicles assembled January 21, 2013 through May 10, 2013 and equipped with Wabco Maxxus Brakes.

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer: Not Applicable

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Approximately 112

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect: Unknown

(c)(5) Description of the defect: On certain trucks the brake caliper mounting bolts may be incorrectly torqued. This could result in the caliper mounting bolts loosening. A caliper with loose mounting bolts, if not repaired, may lead to detachment.

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: Insufficiently torqued fasteners may not provide adequate clamping force between the brake caliper and brake anchor plate potentially resulting in reduce brake effectiveness. Reduced brake effectiveness could lead to a vehicle crash.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events:

May 2013 – Received report of 2 demonstration trucks with loose caliper mounting bolts. The issue presented itself as an isolated case of show trucks.

July 2013 – A vehicle reported with loose bolts in the field.

August 2013 - DTNA voluntary decided to conduct a safety campaign to recall affected vehicles

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

(c)(8) (i) Remedial program: Potentially affected vehicles will be inspected. If loose bolts are identified, the vehicle will be repaired. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America authorized service facilities.

Reimbursement Plan: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(ii) Estimated Owner and Dealer Notification Date: Customer notification will be by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed no later than November 3, 2013. Dealer and distributor notification will be completed no later than November 3, 2013.

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

(c)(10) Communications sent to manufacturers, dealers and owners: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(c)(11) Manufacturer's campaign number: FL-644