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Daimler Trucks North America

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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-605, FL-655, Sterling Bullet Tie Rod Ends  
Interim Owner Notification**

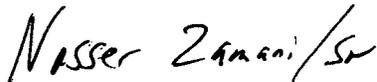
Ms. Lewis:

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 owners.

- (c)(3) Owners of 2,593 vehicles were notified on January 27, 2014.
- (c) (10) 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  
Enclosure

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**January 2014  
FL655  
Interim Recall Notice  
NHTSA #13V-605**

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL**

### **Subject: Sterling Bullet Left Tie Rod Ends**

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, on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary, Sterling Truck Corporation, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Sterling Bullet vehicles manufactured October 15, 2007, through November 10, 2008.

Certain vehicles may experience a fracture of the left tie rod ball stud resulting in the potential loss of directional stability.

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. Daimler Trucks is currently validating the repair and securing replacement parts.

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 about this Recall, 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.Warranty.Campaigns@Daimler.com](mailto:DTNA.Warranty.Campaigns@Daimler.com), or the Customer Assistance Center at (800) FTL-HELP after normal business hours. If you are not able to have the defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, 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