

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-607, Western Star Air Lines

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 an estimated 169 Western Star 4900 vehicles manufactured April 1, 2010 through May 13, 2011, and equipped with standard cab height and a DD13 engine with a defect in the brake valve air line routing.

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

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

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Defect Information Report (Section 573.6)

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

Brands: Western Star

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:

Model(s) affected: 4900

Model Years affected: 2011, 2012

Manufacture Dates: April 1, 2010 through May 13, 2011

Basis for determining population: All 109 BBC Western Star vehicles manufactured April 1, 2010 through May 13, 2011 with standard cab height and a DD13 engine.

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Estimated at 169

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

(c)(5) Description of the defect: The supply and delivery airlines for the foot valve may contact the air intake on the engine. Relative motion between the cab and the engine may allow the delivery airlines to chafe on the air intake. Over time, if not remedied, a hole in a delivery air line may develop eventually leading to reduced braking capacity to the front or rear brakes.

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: Reduced braking capacity may increase the risk of a crash.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: On April 18, 2011 it was noted that the air lines for the foot valve were installed in a manner that allowed them to contact the engine air intake. DTNA immediately began an investigation to determine if this was an isolated incident or if it potentially affected a larger population of vehicles. On May 10, 2011 DTNA determined that a potential defect related to motor vehicle safety may exist in certain Western Star vehicles.

(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data: N/A

(c)(8) (i) Remedial program: The air lines will be inspected and rerouted if necessary to provide additional clearance to the engine air intake. 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 approximately July 8, 2011.

Dealer and distributor notification will be completed approximately June 30, 2011.

(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-607