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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Washington D.C. 20590

**Re: Defect Information Report – Supplemental Report No. 2
11V-330, FL-609, Interim Recall Notice Starter Cable Isolator Bolts**

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) Owners of 47,975, vehicles were notified on September 6, 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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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

**August 2011
FL609
Interim Recall Notice
NHTSA # 11V-330**

Subject: Starter Cable Isolator Bolts

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 Freightliner Trucks Division and wholly owned subsidiaries, Sterling Truck Corporation and Western Star Trucks Sales, Inc., has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Freightliner Cascadia, Century S/T, Columbia, and Coronado vehicles; Sterling A/L-Line vehicles; and Western Star 4900 and 6900 vehicles manufactured January 14, 2008, through June 15, 2011, with a Detroit Diesel DD15 or DD16 engine and a certain rubber isolator.

On some vehicles equipped with a Detroit Diesel DD15 or DD16 engine, the bolt attaching a rubber isolator to a support bracket may become loose and back out, potentially contacting an un-fused starter cable and creating a short circuit. A short circuit between an un-fused starter cable and chassis ground could result in a vehicle fire.

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. **When you receive the second notice**, please contact your authorized Daimler Trucks North America dealer to schedule the Recall for your vehicle.

Before the remedy is available, there are steps you can take to reduce the risk of your vehicle developing this condition. As part of your daily pre-trip inspection, inspect for the presence of the rubber isolator and the mounting bolt holding it. See the following page for instructions. If the isolator is present and the bolt has not backed out, no action is needed until you receive the second notice. If the bolt holding the isolator has backed out or the isolator is not present, contact a Daimler Trucks North America dealer for an interim repair. (Vehicles that have an interim repair also require the final remedy.)

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 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

Customer Inspection

1. Park the vehicle on a level surface, shut down the engine, and set the parking brake. Chock the tires.

WARNING

This is a visual inspection only. The isolator is located between a hot engine and a live starter cable. Anything but a visual inspection could result in serious burns.

2. Visually inspect the rubber isolator mounted to the side of the engine on the right-hand side of the vehicle. The mounting bolt should not protrude past the front surface of the isolator.

If the bolt is present and there is a minimum of 1/2-inch of clearance between the isolator and the starter cable, no further action is necessary at this time. See **Fig. 1**

If the isolator is not present, take the vehicle to an authorized Daimler Trucks North America dealer for repair.

If the bolt has backed out of the isolator and is protruding past the front surface of the isolator or if the starter cable is within 1/2-in of the isolator, take the vehicle to an authorized Daimler Trucks North America dealer for repair. See **Fig. 2**

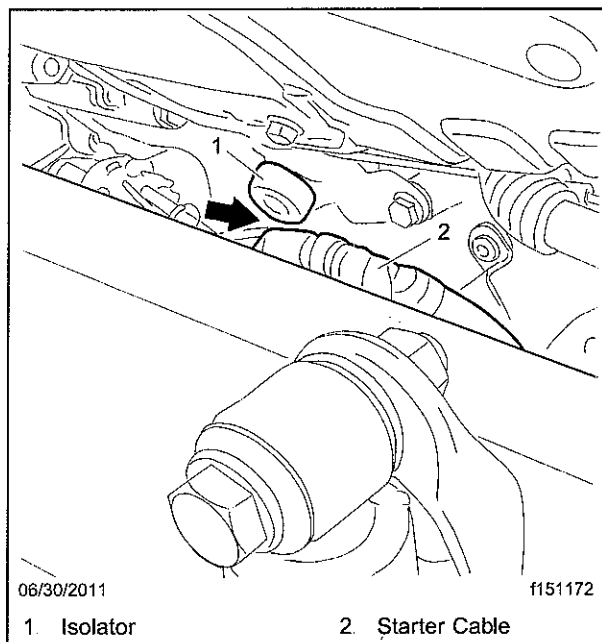


Fig. 1, Correct Isolator Installation

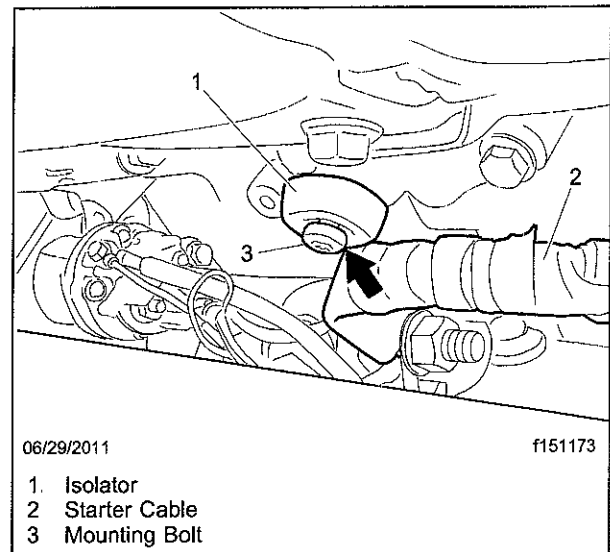


Fig. 2, Bolt Backed Out