

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Mr. Andy Jones Daimler Trucks North America LLC 4747 N. Channel Ave. Portland, OR 97217 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-150MR 18V-194

Subject: Valve Stem may get Damaged and Lose Air

Dear Mr. Jones:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Trucks North America LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

FCCC/XCS/2018-2019

Mfr's Report Date: March 26, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-194

Components: TIRES:VALVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 82

Problem Description:

Daimler Trucks North America LLC (DTNA) is recalling certain 2018-2019 Freightliner Custom Chassis (FCCC) XCS motorhome chassis equipped with wheels that have Freightliner-logo shaped holes. These wheels have a valve stem stabilizer that may dislodge and damage the valve stem.

Consequence:

Valve stem damage can result in loss of air pressure in the inner tire, causing an overload of the outer tire and increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

DTNA will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the inner wheel valve stem stabilizer and replace it if necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin May 21, 2018. Owners may contact DTNA customer service at 1-800-547-0712. DTNA's number for this recall is FL-764.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.



Please provide a list of the known final stage manufacturers that purchased FCCC chassis with the affected wheels.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Timian

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

