

## Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

**FL-771**

**Date of Submission:** *May 8, 2018*

**Manufacturer:** Daimler Trucks North America LLC  
P.O. BOX 3849  
Portland, Oregon 97208

**Type of Report:**     **Safety Defect**         **Non-Compliance**

### Vehicle Information

**Model Yr. Start:** *2018*                      **Model Yr. End:** *2019*

**Make:** *Freightliner*

**Model:** *Cascadia & New Cascadia*

**Production Dates:    Begin:** *January 2, 2018*

**End:** *April 16, 2018*

### Descriptive Information:

*Vehicles built at the Saltillo plant with certain air bags.*

**Number potentially involved:** *1219*    **Estimated percentage of involve with defect:** *100%*

### Defect / Noncompliance Description

#### For this Defect/Noncompliance:

#### Describe the defect or noncompliance:

*On certain vehicles equipped with Driver's Air Bags, the fasteners securing the air bag module within the steering wheel may not be installed as per specification.*

#### If a noncompliance, provide the applicable FMVSS:

*N/A*

#### Describe the safety risk:

*An incorrectly installed air bag may not function correctly in a crash increasing the risk of injury.*

**If applicable, identify the manufacture of the defective or noncompliant component.** *N/A*

## Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination

### Provide the chronology of events leading up to the defect decision or test data for the 9

*In Mid-April 2018, incorrectly installed air bag fasteners were first reported to DTNA, and DTNA began an investigation. The investigation revealed that in January 2018, the Saltillo Truck Plant made changes to the assembly process for the installation of the air bags and the affected fasteners may not have been installed correctly. May 8, 2018, DTNA decided to voluntarily recall certain vehicles built at Saltillo with suspect air bag installation.*

## Identify the Remedy

### Describe the defect/noncompliance remedy program, including the manufacture's plan for reimbursement.

*Fasteners will be inspected and torqued to specifications. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America authorized service facilities. Copies of the reimbursement plan will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.*

## Identify the Recall Schedule

### Describe the recall schedule for notifications:

*Customer notification will be made by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected.*

**Planned Dealer Notification Begin Date:** July 6, 2018

**Planned Dealer Notification End Date:** July 6, 2018

**Planned Owner Notification Begin Date:** July 6, 2018

**Planned Owner Notification End Date:** July 6, 2018

**Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable):** FL-771

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