



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Andy Jones  
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NEF-150MR  
18V-478

**Subject:** Cords Visible Through Tire Innerliner

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:**

FREIGHTLINER/CASCADIA/2019

**Mfr's Report Date:** July 18, 2018

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 18V-478

**Components:**

TIRES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 10

**Problem Description:**

Daimler Trucks North America, LLC (DTNA) is recalling certain 2019 Freightliner Cascadia trucks, equipped with certain Continental Coach HA3 tires, size 315/80R22.5 157/154 L. The cords on these tires may be visible through the innerliner.

**Consequence:**

Tires that have cords visible through the innerliner can have sudden air loss, causing a loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

DTNA will notify owners, and Continental authorized service facilities will inspect and replace the tires, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin September 15, 2018. Owners may contact DTNA customer service at 1-800-547-0712, or Continental customer service at 1-888-799-2168. DTNA's number for this recall is FL-778.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received DTNA's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

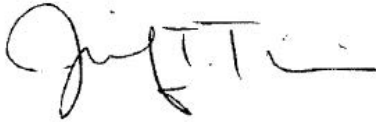
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are 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.

Please confirm whether or not DTNA will be submitting the required quarterly recall completion rate reports.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement