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FL877A  
NHTSA #21V-108

## Subject: FCCC Brake Pedal Spring

**Models Affected: Specific Model Year 2020 Freightliner Custom Chassis XC Chassis manufactured June 18, 2020, through October 9, 2020.**

### General Information

Daimler Trucks North America LLC (DTNA), on behalf of its wholly owner subsidiary, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation (FCCC), has decided that a non-compliance defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists on the vehicles mentioned above.

Certain motorhome chassis equipped with an adjustable brake pedal assembly may not be equipped with a return spring, which could lead to the brake pedal not promptly returning to the return position and causing the brake lights to stay illuminated. Additionally, in certain towed vehicles, the service brakes may also stay engaged, potentially leading to an increased risk of crash.

The brake pedal assembly will be inspected and a return spring installed as needed.

There are approximately 300 vehicles involved in this campaign.

### Additional Repairs

Dealers must complete all outstanding Recall and Field Service campaigns prior to the sale or delivery of a vehicle. A Dealer will be liable for any progressive damage that results from its failure to complete campaigns before sale or delivery of a vehicle.

Owners may be liable for any progressive damage that results from failure to complete campaigns within a reasonable time after receiving notification.

### Work Instructions

Please refer to the attached work instructions. Prior to performing the campaign, check the vehicle for a completion sticker (Form WAR260).

### Replacement Parts

Replacement parts are now available and can be obtained by ordering the kit and/or part number(s) listed below from your facing Parts Distribution Center.

If our records show your dealership has ordered any vehicle(s) involved in campaign number FL877, a list of the customers and vehicle identification numbers will be available on DTNAConnect. Please refer to this list when ordering parts for this recall.

**Table 1** - Replacement Parts for FL877

Campaign Number	Part Description	Part Number	Qty.
FL877A	SPRING-TORSION,RETURN	12-27994-000	1 ea
	PIN,COTTER,3/32 X 3/4,	23-12066-006	1 ea
	BLANK COMPLETION STICKER	WAR260	1 ea

**Table 1**

### Removed Parts

U.S. and Canadian Dealers, please follow Warranty Failed Parts Tracking shipping instructions for the disposition of all removed parts. Export distributors, please destroy removed parts unless otherwise advised.

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## Labor Allowance

**Table 2** - Labor Allowance

Campaign Number	Procedure	Time Allowed (hours)	SRT Code	Corrective Action
FL877A	Inspect brake pedal spring	0.1	996-R024A	06-Inspect
	Inspect and install brake pedal spring	1.1	996-R024B	12-Repair Recall/Campaign

**Table 2**

**IMPORTANT:** When the Recall has been completed, locate the base completion label in the appropriate location on the vehicle, and attach the red completion sticker provided in the recall kit (Form WAR260). If the vehicle does not have a base completion label, clean a spot on the appropriate location of the vehicle and first attach the base completion label (Form WAR259). If a recall kit is not required or there is no completion sticker in the kit, write the recall number on a blank sticker and attach it to the base completion label.

## Claims for Credit

You will be reimbursed for your parts, labor, and handling (landed cost for Export Distributors) by submitting your claim through the Warranty system within 30 days of completing this campaign. Please reference the following information in OWL:

- Claim type is **Recall Campaign**.
- In the Campaign field, enter the campaign number and appropriate condition code (**FL877-A**).
- In the Primary Failed Part Number field, enter **25-FL877-000**.
- In the Parts field, enter the appropriate kit or part number(s) as shown in the Replacement Parts Table.
- In the Labor field, first enter the appropriate SRT from the Labor Allowance Table. Administrative time will be included automatically as SRT 939-6010A for 0.4 hours for RVs or 0.3 hours for all other vehicles.
- The VMRS Component Code is **F99-999-005** and the Cause Code is **A1 - Campaign**.
- **U.S. and Canada -- Reimbursement for Prior Repairs.** When a customer asks about reimbursement, please do the following:
  - Accept the documentation of the previous repair.
  - Make a brief check of the customer's paperwork to see if the repair may be eligible for reimbursement. (See the "Copy of Owner Letter" section of this bulletin for reimbursement guidelines.)
  - Submit an OWL Recall Pre-Approval Request for a decision.
  - Include the approved amount on your claim in the Other Charges section.
  - Attach the documentation to the pre-approval request.
  - If approved, submit a based on claim for the pre-approval.
  - Reimburse the customer the appropriate amount.

**IMPORTANT:** OWL must be viewed prior to performing the recall to ensure the vehicle is involved and the campaign has not been previously completed. Also, check for a completion sticker prior to beginning work.

U.S. and Canadian dealers, contact the Warranty Campaigns Department via Web inquiry at [DTNACconnect.com/WSC](http://DTNACconnect.com/WSC), if you have any questions or need additional information. Export distributors, submit a Web inquiry or contact your International Service Manager.

U.S. and Canadian Dealers: To return excess kit inventory related to this campaign, U.S. dealers must submit a Parts Authorization Return (PAR) to the Memphis PDC. Canadian dealers must submit a PAR to their facing PDC. All kits must be in resalable condition. PAR requests must include the original purchase invoice number. Export Distributors: Excess inventory is not returnable.

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The letter notifying U.S. and Canadian vehicle owners is included for your reference.

Please note that the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, as amended (Title 49, United States Code, Chapter 301), requires the owner's vehicle(s) be corrected within a reasonable time after parts are available to you. The Act states that failure to repair a vehicle within 60 days after tender for repair shall be prima facie evidence of an unreasonable time. However, circumstances of a particular situation may reduce the 60 day period. Failure to repair a vehicle within a reasonable time can result in either the obligation to (a) replace the vehicle with an identical or reasonably equivalent vehicle, without charge, or (b) refund the purchase price in full, less a reasonable allowance for depreciation. The Act further prohibits dealers from selling a vehicle unless all outstanding recalls are performed. Any lessor is required to send a copy of the recall notification to the lessee within 10 days. Any subsequent stage manufacturer is required to forward this notice to its distributors and retail outlets within five working days.

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## Copy of Notice to Owners

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This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. This is to inform you that your vehicle may contain a defect that could affect the safety of a person.

Daimler Trucks North America LLC (DTNA), on behalf of its wholly owner subsidiary, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation (FCCC), has decided that a non-compliance defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Model Year 2021 - 2022 Freightliner Custom Chassis XC Chassis manufactured June 18, 2020, through October 9, 2020.

Certain motorhome chassis equipped with an adjustable brake pedal assembly may not be equipped with a return spring, which could lead to the brake pedal not promptly returning to the return position and causing the brake lights to stay illuminated. Additionally, in certain towed vehicles, the service brakes may also stay engaged, potentially leading to an increased risk of crash.

The brake pedal assembly will be inspected and a return spring will be installed as needed. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America authorized service facilities.

Please contact an authorized Daimler Trucks North America dealer to arrange to have the Recall performed and to ensure that parts are available at the dealership. To locate an authorized dealer, go to [Daimler-TrucksNorthAmerica.com/contact-us/](http://Daimler-TrucksNorthAmerica.com/contact-us/). Scroll down to "Locate a Dealer," and select the appropriate brand. The Recall will take approximately a half hour to one and a half hours depending on repair needed and will be performed at no charge to you. You may also confirm your vehicle's involvement in this recall at this URL: <https://dtna-dlrinfo.prd.freightliner.com:48518/VinLookup/vin-module/getVinLookupPage>.

You may be liable for any progressive damage that results from your failure to complete the Recall within a reasonable time after receiving notification.

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 leased this vehicle, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to the lessee within 10 days. If you are a subsequent stage manufacturer, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to your distributors and retail outlets within five working days. If you have paid to have this recall condition corrected prior to this notice, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement. Please see the reverse side of this notice for details.

If you have questions about this Recall, 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.Warranty.Campaigns@Daimler.com](mailto:DTNA.Warranty.Campaigns@Daimler.com). **For the Notice to U.S. Customers:** If you are not able to have the defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, 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>. **For the Notice to Canadian Customers:** If you wish to submit a complaint about this recall, you can contact Transport Canada road safety, 80 rue Noel, Gatineau, Quebec J8Z 0A1 or call (800) 333-0510.

We regret any inconvenience this action may cause but feel certain you understand our interest in motor vehicle safety.

WARRANTY CAMPAIGNS DEPARTMENT

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## **Reimbursement to Customers for Repairs Performed Prior to Recall**

If you have already **paid** to have this recall condition corrected you may be eligible to receive reimbursement.

Requests for reimbursement may include parts and labor. Reimbursement may be limited to the amount the repair would have cost if completed by an authorized Daimler Trucks North America LLC dealer. The following documentation must be presented to your dealer for consideration for reimbursement.

Please provide original or clear copies of all receipts, invoices, and repair orders that show:

- The name and address of the person who paid for the repair
- The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the vehicle that was repaired
- What problem occurred, what repair was done, when the repair was done
- Who repaired the vehicle
- The total cost of the repair expense that is being claimed
- Proof of payment for the repair (such as the front and back of a cancelled check or a credit card receipt)

Reimbursement will be made by check from your Daimler Trucks North America LLC dealer.

Please speak with your Daimler Trucks North America LLC authorized dealer concerning this matter.

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## Work Instructions

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### Torsion Spring Inspection and Installation

1. Check the base label (Form WAR259) for a completion sticker for FL877 (Form WAR260), indicating this work has been done. The base label is usually located on the front wall under the dash. If a sticker is present, no work is needed. If there is no sticker, proceed with the next step.
2. Park the vehicle on a level surface, shut down the engine, and set the parking brake. Chock the tires.
3. Inspect the brake pedal assembly for the torsion spring.

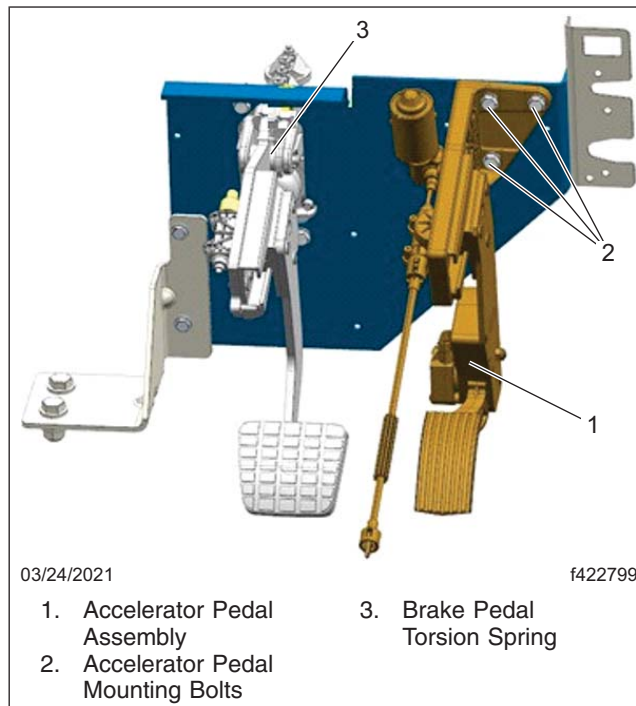
Is the torsion spring present?

**YES** → No further work is required. Go to step 12.

**NO** → Go to next step.

NOTE: Two technicians are required to remove and install the accelerator assembly. The mounting bolts are on the outside of the frontwall.

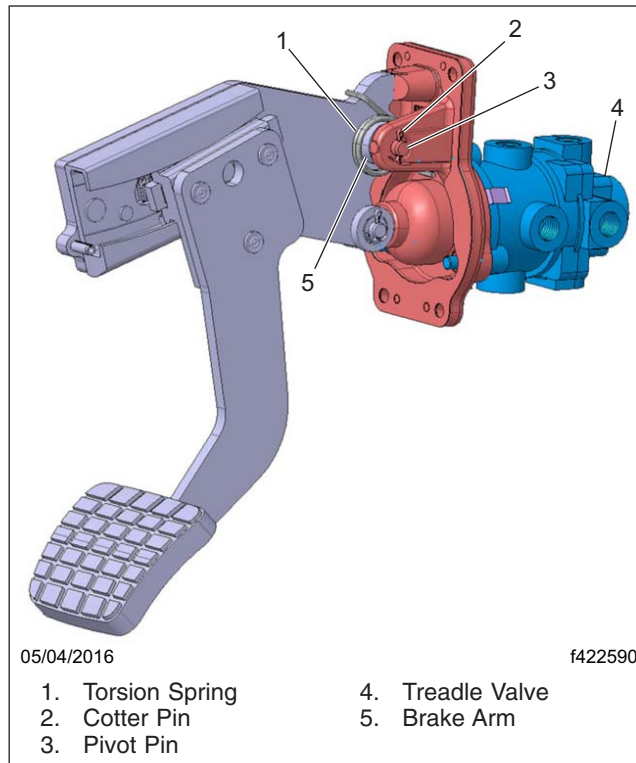
4. If additional access to the brake pedal is required, remove the accelerator pedal as follows.
  - 4.1 With an assistant retaining the nuts on the outside of the frontwall, remove the three bolts that attach the accelerator pedal to the frontwall. See [Fig. 1](#).



**Fig. 1, Accelerator Pedal Assembly**

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- 4.2 Remove the accelerator pedal assembly from the vehicle. Retain it for reuse.
5. Remove and discard the cotter pin. See **Fig. 2**, item 2.



**Fig. 2, Brake Pedal Assembly**

6. Using a blunt tool, push the pivot pin out.
7. Install a new torsion spring on the service brake pedal. See **Fig. 2**, item 1.
8. Install the pivot pin removed earlier.
9. Install the new cotter pin, bending the ends of the pin over to secure it in place.
10. If removed, install the accelerator pedal assembly as follows.
  - 10.1 Position the accelerator assembly on the cab frontwall.

IMPORTANT: Add two drops of Loctite® 242 on each of the three bolts that attach the accelerator assembly to the cab frontwall.

  - 10.2 With an assistant holding the nuts outside the frontwall, install the three bolts that attach the accelerator assembly to the cab frontwall. Torque the bolts 13 lbf·ft (18 N·m).
11. Start the vehicle. When the air tanks have reached approximately 65 to 76 psi (448 to 524 kPa), depress and release the brake pedal several times. Exit the vehicle and verify that the brake lights are not activated.
12. Clean a spot on the base label (Form WAR259). Write the recall number, FL877, on a blank red completion sticker (Form WAR260), and attach it to the base label to indicate this campaign has been performed.