

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

See enclosed VIN list

July 2022

FL938

Interim Recall Notice

NHTSA #22V-405

Subject: Bendix Steering Gear

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 (DTNA), on behalf of its Freightliner Trucks Division, and wholly owned subsidiary, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation, has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Model Year 2022-2023 Freightliner Cascadia; Freightliner Custom Chassis MT45, and MT45G, and equipped with a Bendix steering gear.

On certain vehicles, an insufficient number of recirculating balls in the steering gear may bind when loads are applied. In some cases the balls may align on the same side of the gear's worm-shaft and concentrated loads may cause the gear's internal parts to fracture resulting in loss of steering, which could increase the risk of a crash.

This is the first of two notices you will receive regarding this subject. This letter is to inform you of an upcoming Recall to correct the issue noted above. Daimler Trucks is currently securing replacement parts. **There is no action for you to take at this time.**

The second notice will inform you when the final remedy is available. **When you receive the second notice**, please contact your authorized Daimler Trucks North America dealer to schedule the Recall for your vehicle.

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 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@Daimlertruck.com. For other concerns, you may contact the Customer Assistance Center at (800) 385-4357. 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 go to <http://www.nhtsa.gov>.

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

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Enclosure