



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Tiffani Torgeson
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Daimler Trucks North America, LLC
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Portland, OR 97217

NEF-107ES
22V-681

Subject: Improperly Installed Steering Shaft Bolt

Dear Ms. Torgeson:

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:

WESTERN STAR/47X/2022-2023
WESTERN STAR/49X/2022-2023

Mfr's Report Date: September 12, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-681

Components:

STEERING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 202

Problem Description:

Daimler Trucks North America, LLC (DTNA) is recalling certain 2022-2023 Western Star 49X and 47X vehicles. The u-joint pinch bolt on the steering shaft may detach, which can cause a loss of steering control.

Consequence:

A loss of steering control can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will inspect and repair the joint, as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed November 11, 2022. Owners may contact DTNA customer service at 1-800-547-0712. DTNA's number for this recall is FL952.

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.nhtsa.gov.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

The percentage of products estimated to contain the defect. Please include this information in the respective field on the recalls portal. (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(4)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

As required in Part 573.6, please amend the chronology to provide a summary of all information, such as the numbers of deaths and/or injuries.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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 eight 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.

Daimler Trucks North America, LLC's contact for this recall will be Emily C. Smith who may be reached by email at emily.c.smith@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement