

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

This notice applies to your vehicle(s), see enclosed VIN list.

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NHTSA #23V-105

Subject: Drag Link Tapered Joint

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the *National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act*.

Daimler Truck North America LLC (DTNA), on behalf of its Freightliner Trucks Division, has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain Freightliner 108SD, 114SD, 122SD, Business Class M2, Cascadia, Columbia, and Coronado 2019-2021 vehicles. See below for additional detail on vehicle applicability:

Make	Model	Model Yr. Start	Model Yr. End	Prod. Start Date	Prod. End Date
Freightliner	108 SD	2019	2021	April 2, 2018	June 25, 2020
Freightliner	114 SD	2019	2021	April 2, 2018	June 25, 2020
Freightliner	122 SD	2019	2021	April 2, 2018	June 25, 2020
Freightliner	Business Class M2	2019	2021	April 2, 2018	June 25, 2020
Freightliner	Cascadia	2020	2020	January 21, 2019	November 23, 2019
Freightliner	Columbia	2019	2021	April 2, 2018	June 25, 2020
Freightliner	Coronado	2019	2021	April 2, 2018	June 25, 2020

On the affected vehicles, the drag link taper joint at the steering arm may not have been tightened sufficiently and may come loose. This may result a gradual loosening of the joint causing a loss of steering control, which increases the risk of a crash. A loose joint may be detected by pre-trip inspections, loose steering, wandering, noises or vibration.

A Daimler Truck North America authorized service facility will inspect the taper joint, test for accurate torque and repair as necessary. The Recall will take approximately four hours and will be **performed free of charge**.

Please contact an authorized Daimler Truck 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, search online at <https://northamerica.daimlertruck.com/contact-us>. Scroll down to "Locate a Dealer" and select the appropriate brand. You may also confirm your vehicle's involvement in this recall at the following 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@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.

WARRANTY CAMPAIGNS DEPARTMENT

Enclosure

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 Truck 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 Truck North America LLC dealer.

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