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**Re: Defect Information Report – Supplemental Report No. 2  
11V-283, FL-607, Western Star Airlines  
Interim Notification**

Mr. Smith,

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith submits supplemental defect information and representative copies of documents distributed to owners.

Owners of 94 vehicles were notified on August 22, 2011.

**(c)(10) Copy of Communications sent to owners is attached.**

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

Cc: Amy Martin, CAL-OSHA  
Enclosure

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**IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL**

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**August 2011  
FL607  
NHTSA #11V-283  
Interim Recall Notice**

**Subject: Western Star Airlines**

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, on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary, Western Star Trucks Sales, Inc., has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Western Star 4900 vehicles with a standard cab height and a Detroit Diesel DD13 engine manufactured April 1, 2010, through May 13, 2011.

The supply and delivery airlines for the foot valve may contact the engine air intake. Relative motion between the cab and engine may allow the delivery airlines to chafe on the air intake. Over time, a hole in a delivery airline may develop. This could eventually lead to reduced braking capacity to the front or rear brakes and increase the risk of a vehicle crash.

This is the first of two notices you will receive regarding this subject. This letter is to inform you of an upcoming Recall and provide important information regarding steps you may take in the interim. Daimler Trucks is currently developing a remedy and will notify you when it is available. *When you receive the second notice*, please contact your authorized Daimler Trucks North America dealer to schedule the Recall for your vehicle.

Before the remedy is available, there are steps you can take to reduce the risk of your vehicle developing this condition. As part of your daily pre-trip inspection, inspect the airlines and be sure they are not chafed or contacting the air intake (see the diagram on the next page). If no chafing or contact is found, no action is needed until the final remedy is available. If you find chafing on the airline bundle or it is contacting the air intake, please take your vehicle to an authorized Daimler Trucks North America location for an interim repair (your vehicle still requires the final remedy).

If you do not own the vehicle that corresponds to the identification number(s), which appears on the Recall Notice, please return the notice in the postage-paid envelope with any information you can furnish that will assist us in locating the present owner.

If you have questions or need further information, 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.War.Campaigns@Daimler.com](mailto:DTNA.War.Campaigns@Daimler.com), or the Customer Assistance Center at (800) 385-4357, after normal business hours. 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>.

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

WARRANTY CAMPAIGNS DEPARTMENT  
Enclosure

## Customer Inspection

1. Park the vehicle on a level surface, shut down the engine, and set the parking brake. Chock the tires.
2. Open the hood.
3. Inspect the airlines and wire harnesses between the PDM and the air intake manifold in the area indicated in **Fig. 1**.

If there is evidence of chaffing or the lines are within 0.75 in (19 mm) of the intake manifold, take the vehicle to an authorized Daimler Trucks North America dealership for repair.

If there is no chaffing and adequate clearance (0.75 in (19 mm) or more from the intake manifold), no action is needed.



**Fig. 1**