

Subject

Vehicle fire risk associated with Freightliner vehicles fitted with Detroit DD-15 engines.

Issue

In the course of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator's (NHVR) ongoing investigation into heavy vehicle fires, a subset of fire incidents has been identified that involves Freightliner heavy vehicles fitted with Detroit DD-15 engines.

There are indications that leaks from the engine's high pressure fuel lines (HPFL) have contributed to or caused serious vehicle fires.

Action required

1. Heavy vehicle operators should immediately arrange for an appropriately qualified person to examine the HPFL of any subject vehicle to ensure their integrity. Where the HPFL, or any of the associated components, shows damage or there is any doubt about the integrity of the components, remove the vehicle from service until it has been inspected by an authorised Freightliner dealer;
2. Heavy vehicle operators should ensure that any servicing or maintenance procedures that involve the HPFL or any of the supporting components is only carried out in accordance with the relevant service bulletin issued by Freightliner Trucks (Daimler Truck and Bus Australia Pacific).



WARNING: Servicing or maintenance procedures that involve the removal or replacement of a HPFL or any of the supporting components must only be conducted in accordance with the vehicle manufacturer's service procedures.

Note: Please ensure all relevant personnel in your organisation are aware of this safety alert, and are informed of its content and recommendations through normal communication channels (e.g. email).

Further information

Specific information about the inspection, servicing or repair of Freightliner heavy vehicles must be directed to your local Authorised Freightliner dealer. For details of your nearest dealer, visit <https://dealerlocator.freightliner.com.au/>.

This alert may be updated as the NHVR's investigation progresses.

For more information

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