U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573

Assigned Recall No. **04V-590** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **November 30, 2004** Date E-Mailed: **December 22, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **Freightliner LLC**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Timothy Blubaugh, Director
Government Technical Affairs**

SUBJECT: **2,800 Freightliner 2004 Century, Columbia, FLD; Sterling AT9500, LT9500; and Western Star 4900 trucks equipped with ArvinMeritor interaxle drivelines. The bolt holes located on the earwork of the male shaft yokes were manufactured with an oversized minor thread diameter. This condition allows the bolts used in the holes to become detached which could result in a driveline separation.** ***Freightliner Recall No. FL-436.***

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

Please provide us with a draft owner notification letter for our review.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter **in which notification to purchasers occurs**. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin on January 15, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call:

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