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Re: Defect Information Report FL-423 AMU Solenoid Valves

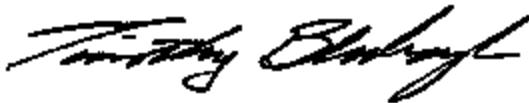
Mr. Weinstein:

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Freightliner LLC herewith reports a safety campaign to recall approximately 1,700 Freightliner Business Class M2 trucks and truck tractors with a defect in the AMU solenoid valve.

Attached is Freightliner's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure

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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

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(c)(1) **Manufacturer:** Freightliner LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
(503) 745-5219

Brand: Freightliner

(c)(2) **Vehicles identification:**

Model(s) affected: Business Class M2

Manufacture Dates: October 27, 2003 to February 16, 2004

Basis for determining population: Vehicles manufactured with an AMU solenoid in the control systems for suspension dump valves, drive axle differential lock, fifthwheel slide locks, and engine brakes.

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:

IMI Norgren, Inc. Airline Division
5400 S. Delaware Street
Littleton CO 80120-1553
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(c)(3) **Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** approximately 1,700 vehicles

(c)(4) **Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect:** unknown

(c)(5) **Description of the defect:** An incorrect spring was used in assembly of a double check valve in the AMU solenoid. The valve may not release under certain conditions

(c)(6) **Chronology of principal events:** In January 2004, Norgren notified Freightliner of a defect in certain AMU solenoid valves. Freightliner and Norgren initiated an investigation to determine the functions controlled by the AMU solenoid valve and the effect of the defect on vehicle performance.

(c)(7) **Noncompliance-test or other data:** not applicable

(c)(8) **Remedial program:** Repairs will be performed by Freightliner dealerships and Direct Warranty customers, i.e., customers approved by Freightliner to do their own warranty repairs.

Estimated Owner Notification Date: Customer notification will be by first class mail using Freightliner records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately May 12, 2004

Reimbursement Plan: All prior repairs were completed under warranty.

(c)(9) **Communications sent to dealers and owners:** Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(c)(10) **Copy of proposed owner notification letter:** A draft will be sent for ODI review when available.

(c)(11) **Manufacturer's campaign number:** FL-423