

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

Assigned Recall No. 04V-205 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: April 26, 2004

DATE FAXED/E-MAILED: May 7, 2004

MANUFACTURER: Freightliner LLC

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SUBJECT: 14,000 Freightliner 2003-2004 Century, Columbia, 2002-2004 Business Class M2, and 2003-2004 Sterling HX trucks. The tapered joint that attaches the shifter to the transmission may become loose making it difficult to put the transmission into gear. (Freightliner Recall No. FL-420)

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 before mailing to consumers.

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 during May 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2004.

NOTES:

- (1) Please provide the ending manufacturing dates for these vehicles.
- (2) Provide a remedy for this campaign.

If you have any questions, please call:



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