



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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

Assigned Recall No. 04V-270 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

**PART 573 REPORT DATE:** June 3, 2004

**DATE FAXED/E-MAILED:** June 10, 2004

**MANUFACTURER:** Freightliner LLC

**MANUFACTURER CONTACT:** Mr. Tim Blubaugh, Director, Government Technical Affairs

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**SUBJECT:** 1,400 Freightliner 1997-2004 American LaFrance Metropolitan and Eagle fire truck chassis manufactured from January 2, 1997 through January 19, 2004. One or both of the cab tilt cylinders may lock when the cab is being lowered. This can happen if a velocity fuse trips in either of the cylinders. (Freightliner Recall No. FL-427)

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

**NOTES:**

**Provide a remedy for this campaign. It would be very helpful if you would add a remedy to your defect report when submitted to the agency.**

If you have any questions, please call:

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