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

Assigned Recall No. 04V-271 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

PART 573 REPORT DATE: June 3, 2004

DATE FAXED/E-MAILED: June 16, 2004

MANUFACTURER: Freightliner LLC

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SUBJECT: 300 Freightliner 1999-2002 MB-45 and MB-55 shuttle bus chassis equipped with Bosch Zero Offset Pin Slide (ZOPS) hydraulic brake calipers and manufactured from January 1999 through June 2002. The brake assemblies exhibit elevated temperatures that can lead to catastrophic deterioration of the wheel end components such as bearings, races, spindles, knuckles, seals, hubs, rotors, patch bolts, calipers, brake pads, and abs sensors. (Freightliner Recall No. FL-428)

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

This recall was the subject of an investigation, EA02-035, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

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.

If you have any questions, please call:

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