



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-272 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

**PART 573 REPORT DATE:** May 24, 2004

**DATE FAXED/E-MAILED:** June 16, 2004

**MANUFACTURER:** Freightliner LLC

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

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**SUBJECT:** 6,500 Freightliner 2000-2003 Sterling Acterra, 2002-2003 Business Class and Business Class M2 trucks built with a 8,000 pound front axle. The front spindle nut may be over-tightened causing preload on the front wheel bearings which may lead to premature bearing wear. (Freightliner Recall No. FL-424)

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.

**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.**

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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