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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-343 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **May 20, 2004**

Date Faxed: **July 13, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **FREIGHTLINER LLC**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **TIMOTHY BLUBAUGH**

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**SUBJECT: 3,200 MY 1996 THROUGH 2002 FREIGHTLINER FS-65 SCHOOL
BUSES WITH CATERPILLAR ENGINE AND HYDRAULIC BRAKES
MANUFACTURED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 20, 1996, AND JUNE 28, 2002. A
BRAIDED GROUND STRAP TO THE STARTER MAY RUB AND WEAR ON A
STEEL CHASSIS BRAKE LINE. FREIGHTLINER'S CAMPAIGN NO. FL-421.**

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 573.7, 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, Freightliner's first quarterly report will be due in this office on or before October 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:

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