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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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TIMOTHY BLUBAUGH  
FREIGHTLINER LLC  
4747 N. CHANNEL AVENUE  
PORTLAND OR 97217

NVS-215  
05V-001

Subject: FREIGHTLINER/GRA-MAG/SEATS

Dear MR. BLUBAUGH:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**  
FREIGHTLINER/COLUMBIA/2002-2004

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-001

**Recall Date:** December 21, 2004

**Components:** SEATS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1770

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH SEATS BUILT BY GRA-MAG, THE SEAT PIVOT BOLTS CAN LOOSEN AND POSSIBLY FRACTURE OR DISLODGE, CAUSING THE SEAT BACK TO FAIL TO PROVIDE FULL SUPPORT TO THE DRIVER'S BACK.

**Consequence:**

A POSSIBLE VEHICLE CRASH COULD OCCUR SHOULD THE SEAT FALL BACKWARDS DURING USE.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REPAIR THESE VEHICLES. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 15, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT FREIGHTLINER AT 1-800-547-0712.

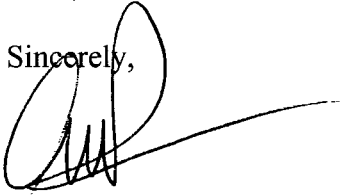
**Notes:**

FREIGHTLINER RECALL NO. FL-438. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Your contact for this recall will be Pat Wallace, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or by email at [patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division