



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

*June 24, 2005*

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

NVS-215  
05V-285

Subject: FRONT HUB/CONMET

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, as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

FREIGHTLINER/CENTURY ST/2004  
FREIGHTLINER/COLUMBIA/2004  
FREIGHTLINER/CORONADO/2004  
FREIGHTLINER/FLD/2004

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-285

**Recall Date:** June 3, 2005

**Components:**

WHEELS:CAP/COVER/HUB

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 625

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH 3RD GENERATION CONMET ALUMINUM WHEELS, THE HUBS USED WITH CERTAIN WHEEL AND DRUM COMBINATIONS CAN AFFECT THE LOADS AND STRESSES IN THE HUBS CAUSING THE HUB TO CRACK.

**Consequence:**

THIS COULD CAUSE A CRASH WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE THE HUBS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING LATE JULY 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT FREIGHTLINER AT 1-800-547-0712.

**Notes:**

FREIGHTLINER RECALL NO. FL-451. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

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 contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

*for Patricia Wallace*

George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement