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**Re: Defect Information Report FL-444, FCCC MT-45 incorrect GVWR label**

Mr. Weinstein:

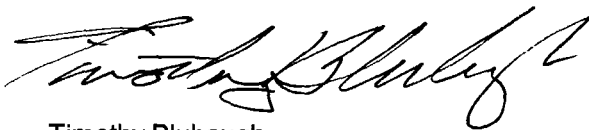
In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Freightliner LLC herewith reports a safety campaign to recall approximately 500 FCCC MT-45 van chassis manufactured July 28, 2000 to October 15, 2004 with a noncompliance in the rear GAWR and GVWR information shown on the tire and certification labels.

New chassis identification labels with the GAWR, GVWR, and tire information will be sent with the owner notification letter.

Attached is Freightliner's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Timothy Blubaugh

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Enclosure

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## Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

March 24, 2005

**(c)(1) Manufacturer:** Freightliner LLC  
P.O. BOX 3849  
Portland, Oregon 97208  
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**Brands:** Freightliner Custom Chassis

**(c)(2) Vehicles identification:**

**Model(s) affected:** MT-45 van chassis

**Manufacture Dates:** July 28, 2000 to October 15, 2004

**Basis for determining population:** MT-45 van chassis with single rear tires that have a rated capacity less than other chassis components.

**Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:** not applicable

**(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** Approximately 500

**(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect:** 100%

**(c)(5) Description of the defect:** On certain chassis with single rear tires, the rear GAWR and GVWR printed on the vehicle labels is greater than the rear tire capacity. This is a noncompliance with FMVSS 120 s5.1.2

**(c)(6) Chronology of principal events:** The rear tire rating was incorrectly entered in the GAWR/GVWR calculation program on certain single rear tires. The rear GAWR and GVWR will be incorrect when the GAWR is limited by the tire capacity on chassis with these tires.

**(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data:** not applicable

**(c)(8) Remedial program:** New chassis identification labels with the GAWR, GVWR, and tire information will be sent with the owner notification letter.

**Estimated Owner Notification Date:** Customer notification will be by first class mail using Freightliner records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately May 15, 2005

**Reimbursement Plan:** Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

**(c) (9) Communications sent to dealers and owners:** Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

**(c) (10) Copy of proposed owner notification letter:** A draft will be sent for ODI review when available.

**(c) (11) Manufacturer's campaign number:** FL-445