

Recall Campaign

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FL460A
NHTSA #05V-467

Copy of Letter to Owner Subject: ArvinMeritor Rear Axle Spindles

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. This notice is also sent in accordance with the Canadian Motor Vehicles Safety Act.

Freightliner LLC, on behalf of its Freightliner Trucks Division and its wholly owned subsidiary, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Freightliner Argosy, Business Class M2, Century S/T, Classic, Columbia, Coronado, and FLD vehicles; Sterling A/L-Line, Acterra, and Condor vehicles; and Freightliner Custom Chassis FS65 and B2 (Thomas Built Buses C2) school bus chassis and XC motorhome chassis built between May 20, 2005, and October 27, 2005, with ArvinMeritor or AAC rear axle spindles.

Certain rear axle housings on ArvinMeritor and Axle Alliance Company axles were manufactured with spindles that were overheated during the heat treatment process. Incorrectly heat treated spindles could fracture, resulting in a possible vehicle crash without prior warning.

The rear spindles will be inspected, and the axle housing will be replaced on vehicles with incorrectly heat treated spindles.

Contact your authorized dealer to arrange to have your vehicle(s) inspected. To locate a dealer, search online at www.FreightlinerTrucks.com or contact the Warranty Campaigns Department for assistance.

When you contact your dealer, refer to campaign number **FL460A**. The recall will take up to approximately an hour and a half for the inspection and up to an additional ten hours if the axle housing requires replacement and will be performed at no charge to you.

IMPORTANT: When the recall has been completed, please ensure that a label has been affixed to your vehicle referencing **FL460A**.

If you do not own the vehicle that corresponds to the identification number(s) which appears on the Recall Notification, please return the notification to the Warranty Campaigns Department with any information you can furnish that will assist us in locating the present owner. If you have leased this vehicle, please make sure this notification is immediately forwarded to the lessee. If you have paid to have this recall condition corrected prior to this notice, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement. Please see the reverse side of this notice for details.

If you are not able to have the defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, which is not longer than 60 days after you tender the vehicle for repair, please contact the Warranty Campaigns Department at (800) 547-0712, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday, e-mail address WarrantyCampaigns@freightliner.com, or the Customer Assistance Center at (800) FTL-HELP or (800) STL-HELP, after normal business hours. You may also wish to submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 7th Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590; or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236 (TTY: 800-424-9153); or to <http://www.safercar.gov>. If your vehicle is involved in the Canadian portion, you may wish to notify Transport Canada, ASFAD, Place de Ville Tower C, 330 Sparks Street, Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5, or phone (800) 333-0510.

We regret any inconvenience this action may cause but feel certain you understand our interest in motor vehicle safety.

WARRANTY CAMPAIGNS DEPARTMENT

Enclosure