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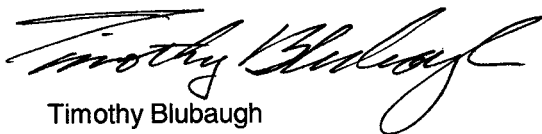
**Re: Defect Information Report – supplemental information  
NHTSA no. 05-138, (FL-444) FCCC MT-45 incorrect GVWR label**

Mr. Medford:

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Freightliner LLC herewith submits supplemental defect information and copies of documents distributed to dealers and purchasers.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Timothy Blubaugh

Cc: Michael Mason, CAL-OSHA  
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**Section 573.6 Defect Information Report**  
**FL-444, NHTSA no. 05V-138**  
**Supplement No.: 1**

October 19, 2005:

**(c) (1) Manufacturer:** FREIGHTLINER LLC  
P.O. BOX 3849  
Portland, Oregon 97208  
(503) 745-5219

**(c) (3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** (Revise to read) 574

**(c) (9) Communications sent to dealers:** posted August 20, 2005  
**Communications sent to owners:** mailed September 12, 2005

## Subject: FCCC MT45 Tire Capacity Labels

**Models Affected: Specific Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation MT45 chassis manufactured between August 10, 2000, and October 22, 2004.**

### General Information

Freightliner LLC, on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation, has decided that the vehicles mentioned above fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 120 s5.1.2, "Tire selection and rims for motor vehicles other than passenger cars."

There are approximately 500 vehicles involved in this campaign.

The Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) and Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) were miscalculated on certain chassis with single rear tires. The incorrect rating, which is printed on the "Incomplete Vehicle Identification Data" label, is greater than the rear tire capacity. This is not in compliance with FMVSS No. 120 s5.1.2. and could cause premature tire tread wear or tire failure during normal driving, which could result in a crash.

Owners will be mailed corrected "Incomplete Vehicle Identification Data" labels and a recall completion sticker and base label with instructions for attaching them to the vehicle.

### Work Instructions

**This campaign will be completed by vehicle owners.** A copy of the instructions for attaching the stickers is included for information only.

### Replacement Parts

Corrected "Incomplete Vehicle Identification Data" labels have been mailed to vehicle owners.

If a customer requires corrected labels, contact the Warranty Campaigns Department for assistance.

If our records show your dealership has ordered any vehicles involved in campaign number FL444A, a list of the customers and vehicle identification numbers will be available on [AccessFreightliner.com](http://AccessFreightliner.com).

### Removed Parts

There are no removed parts.

### Labor Allowance

No dealer labor is required.

### Claims for Credit

No claims will be filed by dealers.

Contact the Warranty Campaigns Department at (800) 547-0712, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday, Web inquiry at [AccessFreightliner.com](http://AccessFreightliner.com) / Support / Submit an Inquiry, or the Customer Assistance Center at (800) 385-4357, after normal business hours, if you have any questions or need additional information.

The letter notifying vehicle owners is included for your reference.

Please note that the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, as amended (49 USC), requires the owner's vehicle(s) be corrected within a reasonable time after parts are available to you. The Act states that failure to repair a vehicle within 60 days after tender for repair shall be prima facie evidence of an unreasonable time. However, circumstances of a particular situation may reduce the 60 day period. Failure to repair a vehicle within a reasonable

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time can result in either the obligation to (a) replace the vehicle with an identical or reasonably equivalent vehicle, without charge, or (b) refund the purchase price in full, less a reasonable allowance for depreciation. The Act further prohibits dealers from selling a vehicle unless all outstanding recalls are performed. Also, any lessor is required to send a copy of the recall notification to the lessee.

Finally, the Act states that a remedy need not be provided without charge if the vehicle was bought by the first purchaser more than ten (10) calendar years before notice is given.

## Copy of Letter to Owner

### Subject: FCCC MT45 Tire Capacity Labels

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

Freightliner LLC, on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation, has decided that specific Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation MT45 chassis manufactured between August 10, 2000, and October 22, 2004, fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 120 s5.1.2, "Tire selection and rims for motor vehicles other than passenger cars."

The rear tire Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) and Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) were miscalculated on certain chassis with single rear tires. The incorrect rating, which is printed on the chassis identification data label, is greater than the rear tire capacity. This is not in compliance with FMVSS No. 120 s5.1.2. and could cause premature tire tread wear or tire failure during normal driving, which could result in a crash.

Enclosed you will find a list of your involved vehicles by vehicle identification number (VIN), two corrected "Incomplete Vehicle Identification Data" labels, one recall completion sticker, one base label on which to place the recall completion sticker, and instructions for attaching the stickers.

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 questions about this recall, 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](mailto: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: 800-424-9253); 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

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## Instructions

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**Models Affected: Specific Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation MT45 chassis manufactured between August 10, 2000, and October 22, 2004.**

1. Locate the "Incomplete Vehicle Identification Data" label(s). Labels should be found near the driver's area. (Up to two labels may have been applied to your vehicle.) If no labels are found, proceed to step 5.
2. Remove the existing label and clean and dry the area or clean and dry the existing label if it cannot be easily removed.
3. Remove one of the "Incomplete Vehicle Identification Data" labels from its backing and carefully apply it to the cleaned area or over the existing label. See **Fig. 1**
4. Repeat for the second "Incomplete Vehicle Identification Data" label, if needed, then proceed to step 6.
5. If an "Incomplete Vehicle Identification Data" label is not found, keep the corrected "Incomplete Vehicle Identification Data" labels with the vehicle for reference. Proceed to step 6.
6. A recall completion sticker must be attached to the vehicle to confirm the recall has been performed. Check the driver's area for a base label (Form WAR259) titled "Recall/Field Service Completion Record." If one is not already present, clean a spot and attach the label.
7. Attach the recall completion sticker for recall FL444 (Form WAR260) to the "Recall/Field Service Completion Record" label.

**INCOMPLETE VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION DATA**

A Subsidiary of **FREIGHTLINER** LLC

INCOMPLETE VEHICLE / VÉHICULES INCOMPLETS  
 MANUFACTURED BY:  
 FREIGHTLINER CUSTOM CHASSIS CORPORATION  
 GAFFNEY, SOUTH CAROLINA 29341  
 DATE OF MANUFACTURE: AUGUST 2004  
 VIN: 4UZAANCP35CU34292



GVWR/PNBV: 6441	(14200)	
GAWR/PNBE:		
FRONT = 2812	(6200)	RIMS (COLD)
WITH 225/70R19.5(G)	TIRES 19.5X6.75	
PRESSURE = 758	(110)	
FIRST INTMD = N/A		RIMS (COLD)
WITH N/A	TIRES N/A	
PRESSURE = N/A		
REAR = 3628	(8000)	
WITH 225/70R19.5(G)	TIRES 19.5X6.75	RIMS (COLD)
PRESSURE = 758	(110)	

VEHICLE TYPE: INCOMPLETE  
 MODEL: MT45 CHASSIS

NOTE: ALL WEIGHT LISTED IN kg (lb)  
 PRESSURE LISTED IN kPa (psi)

OVERSPEEDING OR OVERLOADING WILL VOID WARRANTY.  
 THE ABOVE DATA REPRESENTS ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT.

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**Fig. 1, Example Replacement Label Showing Location of Corrected Information**