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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

January 18, 2006

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

NVS-215
06V-006

Subject: STEERING WHEEL SEPARATION

Dear MR. BLUBAUGH:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

FREIGHTLINER/CORONADO/2001-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-006

Mfg's Report Date: December 22, 2005

Components: STEERING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,550

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH VEHICLE IMPROVEMENT STEERING WHEELS, THE STEERING WHEELS MAY BE MANUFACTURED WITH INCORRECT LENGTH HUCK FASTENERS THAT ARE TOO SHORT TO ALLOW PROPER COLLAR ENGAGEMENT ON THE PIN. THE STEERING WHEEL WILL FEEL LOOSE ON THE HUB FOR A PERIOD OF TIME, WITH THE SUBSEQUENT POSSIBILITY OF A COMPLETE SEPARATION.

Consequence:

STEERING WHEEL SEPARATION WILL RESULT IN A LOSS OF STEERING CONTROL, POSSIBLE RESULTING IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE STEERING WHEELS FOR CORRECT LENGTH HUCK FASTENERS. STEERING WHEELS WILL BE REPAIRED OR REPLACED FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 15, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT FREIGHTLINER AT 1-800-547-0712.

Notes:

FREIGHTLINER RECALL NO. FL-468. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

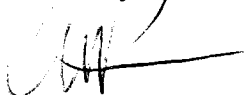
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers.

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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin on February 15, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2006.

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 or delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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