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**National Highway
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Administration**

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4747 NORTH CHANNEL AVENUE
PORTLAND OR 97217-7699

NVS-215
06V-185

Subject: CERTIFICATION LABEL/FMVSS 121/AIR BRAKE SYSTEMS

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/FL70/2002

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-185

Mfg's Report Date: November 23, 2004 and May 22, 2006

Components: EQUIPMENT: OTHER: LABELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4

Summary:

CERTAIN TRUCK CAB-CHASSIS FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 121, "AIR BRAKE SYSTEMS." THESE TRUCKS WERE SHIPPED TO A FINAL STAGE MANUFACTURER IN MEXICO AND SOLD IN PUERTO RICO WITHOUT THE REQUIRED COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION LABELING OR AN ANTI-LOCK BRAKING SYSTEM.

Consequence:

THESE VEHICLES DO NOT MEET THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFE BRAKING PERFORMANCE UNDER NORMAL AND EMERGENCY CONDITIONS. THIS COULD RESULT IN A LOSS OF CONTROL WHILE BRAKING.

Remedy:

THESE VEHICLES WILL EITHER BE RETROFIT TO BRING THEM INTO COMPLIANCE OR EXPORTED OUT OF PUERTO RICO. IF THEY ARE RETROFIT, FREIGHTLINER WILL SEND PERSONNEL AND PARTS TO ADD AN ANTI-LOCK BRAKING SYSTEM, INSTALL THE REQUIRED CERTIFICATION, AND TIRE INFORMATION LABELS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MAY OR JUNE 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT FREIGHTLINER AT 800-547-0712.

Notes:

FREIGHTLINER RECALL NO. FL435. 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).

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 required 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 during May or June 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before July 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,



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