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Daimler Trucks North America

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Nancy Lewis
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215, Rm. W45-206)
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington D.C. 20590

**Re: Defect Information Report – Supplemental Report No. 7
06V-321, FL-479, FCCC MT/45/55 Brake Light Switches
Revised Dealer Notice**

Ms. Lewis,

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

(c) (8)(ii) Dealer – Revised bulletin posted: October 24, 2012

(c) (10) Copy of Communications sent to dealers is attached.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

Cc: Amy Martin, CAL-OSHA
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Subject: FCCC MT45/55 Brake Light Switches

Models Affected: Specific Freightliner Custom Chassis MT45/55 step van chassis manufactured between June 8, 2005, and November 21, 2005, with a specific brake light switch.

General Information

Freightliner LLC, on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on the vehicles mentioned above.

There are approximately 3,500 vehicles involved in this campaign.

The stop lamps may light intermittently during light brake applications and/or the cruise control may not immediately deactivate when the service brakes are applied. Either condition might lead to a possible vehicle crash without prior warning.

The brake light switch will be replaced with one having a lower application load rating.

REVISIONS: The original replacement switch used in this recall is no longer available. A different switch may be used. It requires some additional parts and a slightly different procedure to install. Either the original recall kit or the new switch and parts may be used to complete the recall. A second procedure has been added to the Work Instructions for the new switch. The repair time is the same for both switches.

Additional Repairs

Dealers must complete all outstanding recall and field service campaigns prior to the sale or delivery of a vehicle. A Dealer will be liable for any progressive damage that results from its failure to complete campaigns before sale or delivery of a vehicle.

Owners may be liable for any progressive damage that results from its failure to complete campaigns within a reasonable time after receiving notification.

Work Instructions

Please refer to the attached work instructions. Prior to performing the campaign, check the vehicle for a completion sticker (Form WAR260).

Replacement Parts

Replacement kits or alternate replacement parts are now available and can be obtained by ordering the kit number(s) listed below from your facing Parts Distribution Center.

If our records show your dealership has ordered any vehicles involved in campaign number FL479A, a list of the customers and vehicle identification numbers will be available on AccessFreightliner.com. Please refer to this list when ordering parts for this recall.

Table 1 - Original Replacement Kit for FL479

Campaign Number	Kit Number	Part Description	Part Number	Qty. per Kit	Suggested Wholesale*
FL479A	25-FL479-000	Brake Light Switch	06-59571-000	1 ea	\$20.32 U.S.
		Completion Sticker	WAR260	1 ea	\$21.41 CAN

* Please charge all Direct Warranty Customers the above-listed price for the kit, as they are authorized to perform their own Recalls.

Table 1

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Table 2 - Alternate Replacement Parts for FL479

Campaign Number	Kit Number	Part Description	Part Number	Qty.
FL479A	N/A	Brake Light Switch	06-79232-000	1 ea
		Clevis Pin	23-13811-001	1 ea
		Hitch Pin (Hold Down Clip)	TDA 2257D1174	1 ea
		Nylon Flat Washer	A 680 990 08 40	2 ea
		Clamp-Cable Tie 36.25",0-11"	23-09796-809	2 ea
		Jumper Harness	Choose one: A06-79110-000 A06-79110-001 A06-79110-002	1 ea of the selected harness

Table 2

Removed Parts

Please follow Warranty Failed Parts Tracking shipping instructions for the disposition of all removed parts.

Labor Allowance

Table 3 - Labor Allowance

Campaign Number	Procedure	Time Allowed (hours)	SRT Code	Damage Code
FL479A	Replace the brake light switch	0.3	996-0685A	000-Modifiedx

Table 3

IMPORTANT: When the recall has been completed, locate the base completion label in the appropriate location on the vehicle, and attach the red completion sticker provided in the recall kit (Form WAR260). If the vehicle does not have a base completion label, clean a spot on the appropriate location of the vehicle and first attach the base completion label (Form WAR259). If a recall kit is not required or there is no completion sticker in the kit, write the recall number on a blank sticker and attach it to the base completion label.

Claims for Credit

You will be reimbursed for your parts, labor, and handling by submitting your claim through the Warranty system within 30 days of completing this campaign. Please reference the following information in QuickClaim®:

- Claim type is **Recall**.
- In the FTL Authorization field, enter the campaign number and appropriate condition code (**FL479A**).
- In the Primary Failed Part Number field, enter **25-FL479-000**.
- In the Parts field, enter the kit number from **Table 1** or the alternate replacement parts from **Table 2**.
- In the Labor field, first enter the appropriate SRT from the Labor Allowance Table. For administrative time, enter SRT 939-0010A for 0.3 hours.
- **Reimbursement for Prior Repairs.** When a customer asks about reimbursement, please do the following.
 - Accept the documentation of the previous repair.
 - Make a brief check of the customer's paperwork to see if the repair may be eligible for reimbursement. (See the "Copy of Owner Letter" section of this bulletin for reimbursement guidelines for this recall.)
 - Contact the Warranty Campaigns Department for a decision and authorization number.

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- Include the approved amount on your claim in sublet/outside purchases.
- In the claim story, first note the authorization number and that the claim includes a reimbursement request.
- Retain the documentation and provide it to Warranty Campaigns or Claims Processing if requested.
- When your claim is paid, reimburse the customer the appropriate amount.

IMPORTANT: ServicePro® must be viewed prior to performing the recall to ensure the vehicle is involved and the campaign has not been previously completed. Also, check for a completion sticker prior to beginning work.

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 / 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.

To return excess kit inventory related to this campaign, U.S. dealers must submit a Parts Authorization Return (PAR) to the Memphis PDC. Canadian dealers must submit a PAR to their facing PDC. All kits must be in resalable condition. PAR requests must include the original purchase invoice number.

The letter notifying vehicle owners is included for your reference.

Please note that the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, as amended (Title 49, United States Code, Chapter 301), 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 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.

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Copy of Letter to Owner

Subject: FCCC MT45/55 Brake Light Switches

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 wholly owned subsidiary, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Freightliner Custom Chassis MT45/55 step van chassis manufactured between June 8, 2005, and November 21, 2005, with a specific brake light switch.

The stop lamps may light intermittently during light brake applications and/or the cruise control may not immediately deactivate when the service brakes are applied. Either condition might lead to a possible vehicle crash without prior warning.

The brake light switch will be replaced with one having a lower application load rating.

Repair kits are now available for authorized dealers to order. Contact your authorized dealer to arrange to have your vehicle(s) modified and to assure that parts are available at the dealer. To locate a dealer, search online at www.FreightlinerTrucks.com, www.FreightlinerChassis.com, or contact the Warranty Campaigns Department for assistance.

When you contact your dealer, refer to campaign number **FL479A**. Once kit(s) are received at the dealership, the modification will take approximately an hour 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 **FL479A**.

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, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to the lessee within 10 days. 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 SW, Washington, DC 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

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Reimbursement to Customers for Repairs Performed Prior to Recall

If you have already **paid** to have this recall condition corrected you may be eligible to receive reimbursement.

Requests for reimbursement may include parts and labor. Reimbursement may be limited to the amount the repair would have cost if completed by an authorized Freightliner LLC dealer. The following documentation must be presented to your dealer for consideration for reimbursement.

Please provide original or clear copies of all receipts, invoices, and repair orders that show:

- The name and address of the person who paid for the repair.
- The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the vehicle that was repaired.
- What problem occurred, what repair was done, when the repair was done.
- Who repaired the vehicle.
- The total cost of the repair expense that is being claimed.
- Proof of payment for the repair (such as the front and back of a cancelled check or a credit card receipt).

Reimbursement will be made by check from your Freightliner LLC dealer.

Please speak with your Freightliner LLC authorized dealer concerning this matter.

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Brake Light Switch Replacement (Using Kit 25-FL479-000)

1. Check the base label (Form WAR259) for a completion sticker for FL479 (Form WAR260) indicating this work has been done. The base label is usually located in driver's step vans. If a completion sticker is present, no work is needed. If there is no sticker, proceed with the next step.
2. Park the vehicle on a level surface, shut down the engine, and set the parking brake. Chock the tires.
3. Locate the brake switch on the brake pedal.
4. Remove the cotter pin and flatwasher.
5. Remove the 1/4-inch bolt from the P-clip that attaches the brake switch harness to the brake pedal.
6. Unplug the harness and remove the brake switch.
7. Install the new brake switch and attach the harness. See **Fig. 1**.
8. Install the 1/4-inch bolt on the P-clip to attach the brake switch harness to the brake pedal.
9. Install the cotter pin and the flatwasher.
10. Clean a spot on the base label (Form WAR259) and attach a completion sticker for FL479 (Form WAR260).

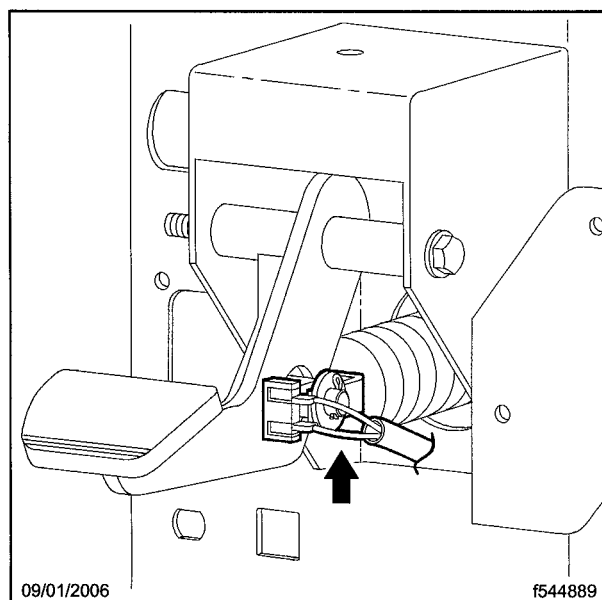


Fig. 1, Brake Light Switch and Harness

Brake Light Switch Replacement (Using Alternate Parts and Switch 06-79232-000)

1. Check the base label (Form WAR259) for a completion sticker for FL479 (Form WAR260) indicating this work has been done. The base label is usually located in driver's step vans. If a completion sticker is present, no work is needed. If there is no sticker, proceed with the next step.
2. Park the vehicle on a level surface, shut down the engine, and set the parking brake. Chock the tires.
3. Locate the brake switch on the brake pedal, shown in **Fig. 1**.
4. Remove the fasteners from the P-clip that attaches the brake switch harness to the brake pedal. Unplug the brake switch harness at both ends.

Discard the harness; retain the fasteners and P-clip for installation.
5. Remove and discard the cotter pin, flatwashers, clevis pin, and brake switch.
6. Refer to **Fig. 2** and determine which jumper harness is needed for the vehicle.
7. Install the new clevis pin, nylon flatwashers, brake switch (06-79232-000) and hitch pin. Install one nylon flatwasher between the pushrod and brake lever as shown in **Fig. 3**. Install the other nylon flatwasher between the brake switch and hitch pin. Ensure that the hitch pin is installed as shown in **Fig. 4**.

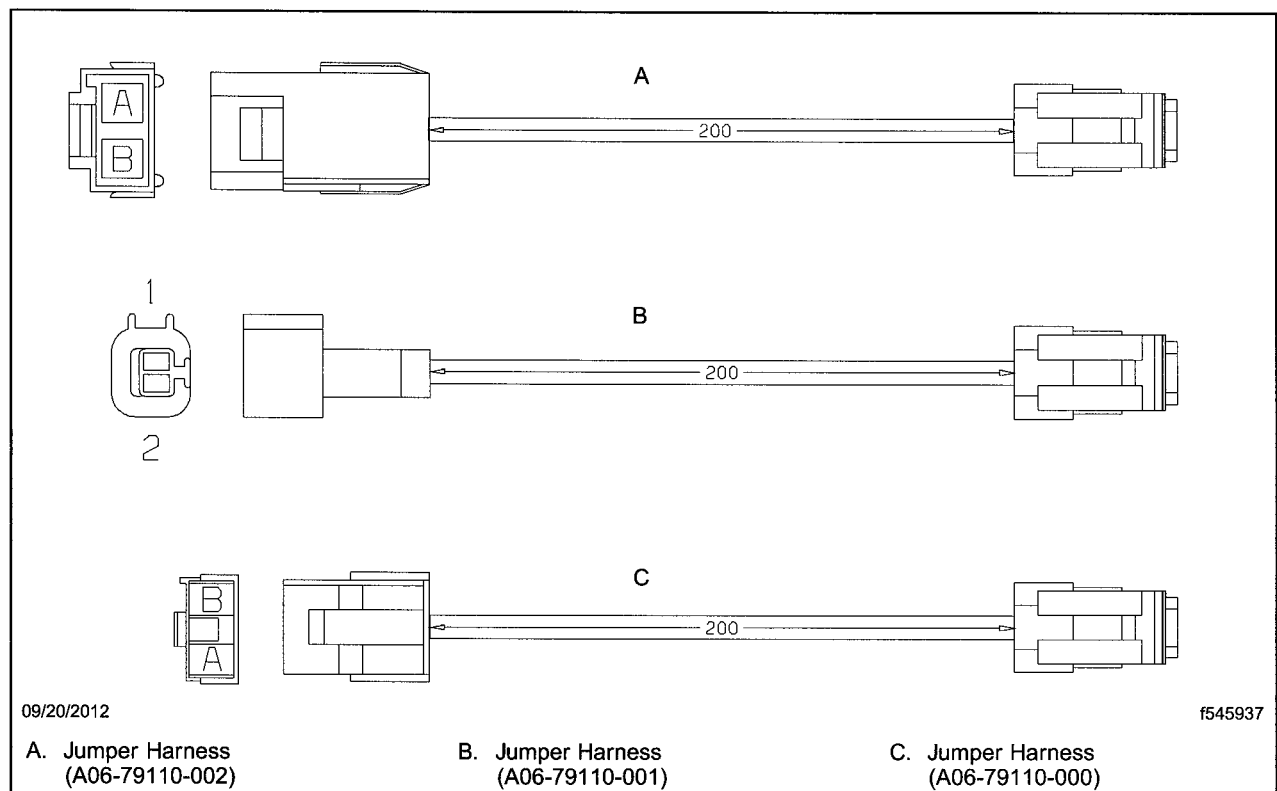


Fig. 2, Jumper Harnesses

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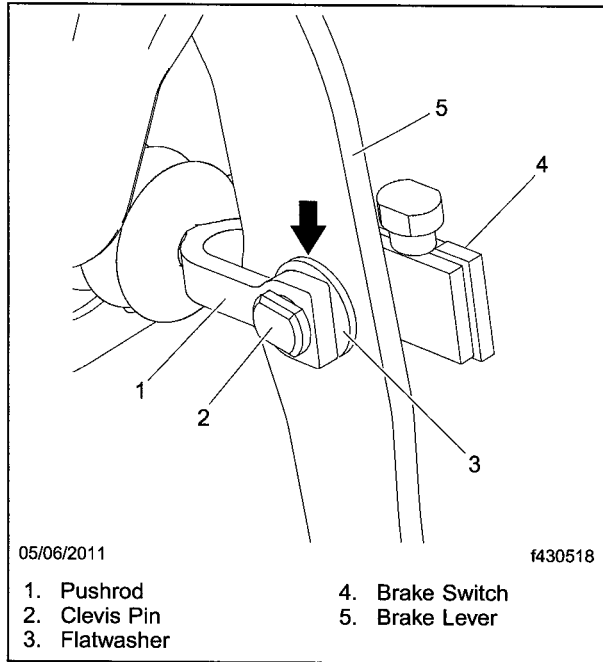


Fig. 3, Brake Switch Installation (fixed pedal)

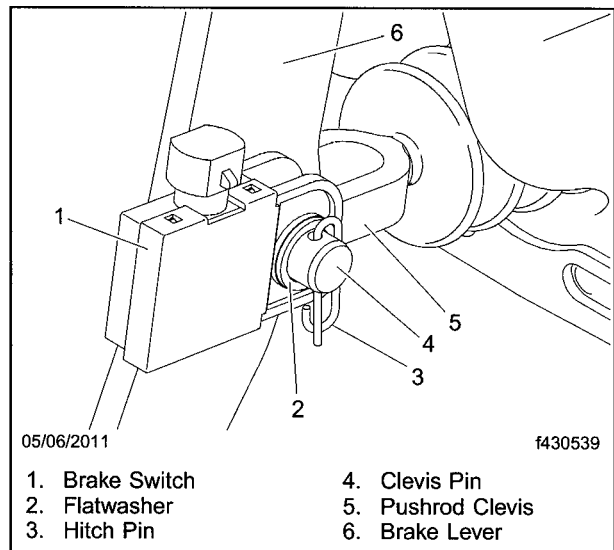


Fig. 4, Hitch Pin Installation

8. Attach the new jumper harness to the existing harness and new brake switch. Attach the jumper harness to the brake pedal using the previously removed fasteners and P-clip.
9. Verify that the brake lights operate correctly.
10. Clean a spot on the base label (Form WAR259), write the recall number, FL479, on a blank red completion sticker (Form WAR260), and attach it to the base label.