

# Recall Campaign

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## Copy of Letter to Owner

### Subject: Unimog Clutch Release Bearing Seals

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, the agent of DaimlerChrysler AG, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Unimog U500 vehicles manufactured between November 2003 and September 2005 with "Electronic Auto Shift."

Air in the clutch hydraulic system at the release bearing seal may prevent the clutch from opening completely and potentially prevent the transmission from shifting into neutral. If this happens, the vehicle may roll forward while stopped or be difficult to bring to a complete stop, resulting in possible property damage or personal injury.

The clutch release bearing will be replaced. In addition, the clutch actuation electronic control unit software will be updated and the hydraulic line routing will be checked and corrected if necessary.

Repair kits are now available for authorized dealers to order. **IMPORTANT: Please contact your authorized dealer in advance so that replacement parts and special tools for the recall can be ordered and available prior to your arrival.** To locate a dealer, search online at [www.UnimogTrucks.com](http://www.UnimogTrucks.com) or [www.FreightlinerTrucks.com](http://www.FreightlinerTrucks.com) or contact the Warranty Campaigns Department for assistance.

When you contact your dealer, refer to campaign number **FL478**. Once kit(s) are received at the dealership, the modification will take approximately eight and a half hours 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 **FL478**.

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 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](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 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

Enclosure