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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
07V-009

Subject: VACUUM HOSE

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:
STERLING/360/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-009

Mfg's Report Date: December 21, 2006

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC: POWER ASSIST: VACUUM:
HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,340

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS, THE VACUUM HOSE MAY HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED WITH INSUFFICIENT WALL THICKNESS ALLOWING THE HOSE TO COLLAPSE DURING NORMAL VEHICLE OPERATION. COLLAPSE OF THE VACUUM HOSE COULD REDUCE BRAKE BOOSTER EFFECTIVENESS.

Consequence:

REDUCE BRAKE BOOSTER EFFECTIVENESS COULD RESULT IN INCREASED VEHICLE STOPPING DISTANCE AND POTENTIALLY LEAD TO A VEHICLE CRASH OR PERSONAL INJURY.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE VACUUM HOSE FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 22, 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT FREIGHTLINER AT 1-800-547-0712.

Notes:

FREIGHTLINER RECALL NO. FL-489. 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).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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. Also, 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 on or about February 22, 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before April 30, 2007.

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

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement