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NVS-215paw
07V-357

Subject: STEERING COLUMN TILT PLATE BOLTS/TRW

Dear MR. ZAMANI:

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/CENTURY ST/2007-2008
FREIGHTLINER/COLUMBIA/2007-2008
FREIGHTLINER/CORONADO/2007-2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-357

Mfg's Report Date: July 3, 2007

Components: STEERING: COLUMN

Potential Number of Units Affected: 42,000

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS BUILT WITH A TRW GLOBAL ADJUSTABLE UPPER STEERING COLUMN, TWO UPPER TILT PLATE BOLTS MAY LOOSEN WITH USE AND FALL OUT. THESE FASTENERS HOLD THE UPPER COLUMN ASSEMBLY IN PLACE. THE STEERING COLUMN PIVOT MAY FRACTURE IF THE BOLTS ARE MISSING WHEN AN EXCESSIVE FORCE IS APPLIED TO THE STEERING WHEEL.

Consequence:

LOSS OF STEERING WHEEL POSITION MAY CAUSE THE STEERING TO RESPOND DIFFERENTLY THAN EXPECTED. IF THIS CONDITION IS IGNORED, A CRASH MAY OCCUR.

Remedy:

FREIGHTLINER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED A REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 24, 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT FREIGHTLINER AT 1-800-547-0712.

Notes:

FREIGHTLINER RECALL NO. FL-505. 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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to dealers and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

Please provide the remedy for this campaign as soon as possible.

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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "P".

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