



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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MANAGER, COMPLIANCE AND
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4747 N. CHANNEL AVENUE
PORTLAND, OR 97217-7699

NVS-215dgl
07V-598

Subject: EXTENSION PIPES/FIRE/CATERPILLAR

Dear MR. ZAMANI:

This letter serves to acknowledge Freightliner LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below, for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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/2008
FREIGHTLINER/COLUMBIA/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-598

Mfg's Report Date: December 14, 2007

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:ENGINE:DIESEL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 250

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH CATERPILLAR EPA07 C155 ENGINES, THE EXTENSION PIPES ATTACHED TO THE AFTER-TREATMENT REGENERATION DEVICE MAY DEVELOP A CRACK OR HOLE AND HEAT OR FLAME MAY ESCAPE DURING A REGENERATION OF THE DIESEL PARTICULATE FILTER.

Consequence:

A VEHICLE FIRE CAN OCCUR.

Remedy:

CATERPILLAR IS CONDUCTING THIS RECALL (PLEASE SEE 07E100).
CATERPILLAR WILL REPAIR THE ENGINES FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY
CONTACT CATERPILLAR AT 1-800-447-4986 OR FREIGHTLINER AT 1-800-547-0712.

Notes:

FREIGHTLINER RECALL NO. FL-520. 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:

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 your report, Caterpillar will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Caterpillar's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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,



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