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Dan Smith
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07V-532
(2 pages)

**Re: Defect Information Report FL-515,
Wiper Motor Ground Wire**

Mr. Smith:

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Freightliner LLC herewith reports a safety campaign to recall approximately 5,000 Freightliner, Columbia, Century ST, and Coronado's manufactured November 2006 through October 2007 with a defect in the wiper motor electrical harness.

Attached is Freightliner's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Nasser Zamani'.

Nasser Zamani

Cc: Michael Mason, CAL-OSHA

Enclosure

Certified Mail# 7004 2890 0004 1202 0645

Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

November 6, 2007

(c)(1) Manufacturer: Freightliner LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
(503) 745-5219

Brands: Freightliner

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:

Model(s) affected: Columbia, Century ST, Coronado

Model Years affected: 2008

Manufacture Dates: November 2006 through October 2007

Basis for determining population: Trucks manufactured with wiper motor harness part number A06-61662-000.

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer: not applicable

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: approximately 5,000

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect: 100%

(c)(5) Description of the defect: The wiper motor ground wire was omitted in a new harness design made for Columbia, Century, and Coronado. The wiper motor may not operate or may function intermittently.

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: The wiper motor may stop functioning. In certain conditions, this could impair visibility and a crash can occur if the vehicle is not safely stopped.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events:

Field Service received information from three fleets with wiper motor problems in mid-September. Reports included wipers that stopped or would not turn on while driving. The problem was traced to a lack of a ground wire in the wiper motor electrical harness design that was revised for EPA07 engine changes. Production was changed October 15, 2007 to add the ground wire and connector to the harness.

(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data: not applicable

(c)(8) Remedial program: Repairs will be performed by Freightliner dealerships and Direct Warranty customers, i.e., customers approved by Freightliner to do their own warranty repairs. Dealers will add a ground wire to the wiper motor harness. Dealers will be notified approximately January 6, 2008.

Estimated Owner Notification Date: Customer notification will be by first class mail using Freightliner records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately January 6, 2008

Reimbursement Plan: All prior repairs have been completed under warranty.

(c)(9) Information for tire recalls: not applicable

(c)(10) Communications sent to dealers and owners: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(c)(11) Copy of proposed owner notification letter: A draft will be sent for ODI review when available.

(c)(12) Manufacturer's campaign number: FL-515