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07V-570
(2 pages)

Re: Defect Information Report FL-517, Power Steering Filter Plugs

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 10,053, Freightliner Custom Chassis, XC- Motorhome Chassis manufactured with an in-line power steering filter that can become plugged.

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# 70042890004/2 02 1093

Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

December 5, 2007

(c)(1) Manufacturer: Freightliner LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
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Brands: Freightliner Custom Chassis

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:

Model(s) affected: XC-Motorhome chassis

Model Years affected: 2005 and 2006

Manufacture Dates: February 14, 2005 through May 17, 2006

Basis for determining population: All XC-Motorhome Chassis built using inline power steering filter p/n 14-16829-000

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer: Not Applicable

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: 10,053

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

(c)(5) Description of the defect: The inline power steering filter can plug due to failure of the screen adhesion to the filter housing causing a rise in return line pressure potentially leading to hose separation from the filter or steering gear fitting resulting in a sudden loss of steering fluid and power assist.

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: Sudden loss of steering assist without warning involving a motor home could be a problem for certain drivers and could lead to a vehicle crash.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: April 2006 inline filter identified as potential cause of steering return line leaks and separations. May 2006 inline filter was removed from production.

(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data: Not Applicable

(c)(8) Remedial program: Affected filters will be replaced with a larger filter. Repairs will be performed by Freightliner dealerships and Direct Warranty customers, i.e., customers approved by Freightliner to do their own warranty repairs.

Estimated Dealer Notification Date: February 1, 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 February 1, 2008

Reimbursement Plan: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(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-517