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Dan Smith
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Re: Defect Information Report FL-518, Cracking Rear Slack Adjuster

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 31, Western Star, 4900 and 5900 vehicles manufactured January 2005 through January 2007 with a potential defect in the rear automatic slack adjusters.

Attached is Freightliner's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Nasser Zamani

Cc: Michael Mason, CAL-OSHA
Enclosure
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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

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

Brands: Western Star

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:

Model(s) affected: 4900 and 6900

Model Years affected: 2005, 2006, and 2007

Manufacture Dates: January 2005 through January 2007

Basis for determining population: Western Star vehicles produced with SISU FR2P-32, SISU FR2P-26, SISU FR3P-33, or SISU FR3P-48 rear axles between January 2005 and January 2007

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:

Fabco Automotive Corp.

151 Lawrence Drive

Livermore, CA 944551-5126

Mark Reitz, 925-245-4118

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Approximately 31

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect: 80%

(c)(5) Description of the defect: A counter-bore machined in both ends of the worm wheel opening of the slack adjuster housing reduces material thickness between the worm wheel opening and the worm shaft opening. Under normal service a crack may develop in this area rendering the slack adjuster inoperable and reducing brake effectiveness.

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: Reduced vehicle braking may lead to a crash

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: On 6/27/2007 Fabco notified Freightliner of an issue with slack adjusters cracking on certain Western Star vehicles equipped with SISU axles.

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

(c)(8) Remedial program: Potentially affected vehicles will be inspected to determine if they contain defective slack adjusters. Defective slack adjusters will be replaced. 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-518