



TECHNICAL Q&A

Land Rover Recall P002

Freelander - Brake light Switch Durability

Main Message: The NHTSA have conducted an investigation concerning the operation of Land Rover Freelander brake lights. The investigation revealed that it is possible for Freelander vehicles to have their brake lights permanently illuminated even though the brake pedal is not depressed. The Agency has concluded that Land Rover should conduct a safety recall to replace brake light switches on all Freelander vehicles operated in the US.

Q1 Why is Land Rover recalling certain models?

A This recall is being conducted at the request of NHTSA.

Q2 Can you tell me more about what is wrong with the vehicles?

A It is possible for the brake light switch to become maladjusted. This can allow the switch to be on even when the brake pedal is not depressed.

Q3 Does this recall affect vehicle safety?

A Improperly functioning brake lights could result in the vehicle being involved in a crash.

Q4 Has Land Rover received many complaints?

A Land Rover has received very few complaints of this concern. There have been 77 owner complaints received relating to this condition from a population of 33,319 US vehicles.

Q5 Have there been any accidents or injuries?

A None that we are aware of.

Q6 How was the condition discovered?

A The NHTSA made an enquiry to Land Rover in January 2006.

Q7 What has Land Rover done in production?

A North American specification Freelander vehicles ceased production in May 2005; no production changes have therefore been made.

Q8 What will authorized Retailers do to the vehicles?

A Authorized Retailers will, if requested by the vehicles owner/driver, inspect the operation of the brake lights and if a concern is noted, conduct a temporary repair until such time as the replacement modified switches are available. Once the replacement modified switches are available, these will be installed to replace the existing switch.

Q9 Which vehicles are affected by this recall?

A All Freelander models from launch, 2002 through to 2005 model year operated in the USA or Canada.

Q10 Are other Land Rover models affected by these actions?

A No other models are affected.



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Q11 Are parts available to rework vehicles?

A Modified switches are as yet unavailable. Land Rover has provided information on how owners can inspect the brake light operation. If there are any concerns with the operation of the brake lights, Land Rover Retailers can conduct a temporary free-of-charge repair until the replacement modified brake light switch is available.

Q12 How much will the recall cost Land Rover?

A Cost is never a factor in Land Rover's decision to recall vehicles.

Q13 How do I know if my vehicle is affected?

A All owners of potentially affected vehicles will receive a letter shortly inviting them to contact a Land Rover authorized Retailer for the work to be carried out.

Q14 Can customers check their own vehicles?

A Owners can complete a simple check themselves to determine if the brake lights are working correctly or alternatively an authorized Retailer can carry out the check for them. Should the brake light switch need to be replaced, owners should contact a Land Rover authorized Retailer for the vehicle to be repaired.

Q15 How long does it take for the car to be inspected and repaired?

A The repair will take no longer than 1/2 hour, although due to Retailer schedules, vehicles may be required for longer.

Q16 Can I continue to drive my vehicle safely until it has been recalled for the brake light switch replacement?

A Yes. Land Rover recommends that all owners of affected vehicles conduct the simple brake light check as detailed in the customer letter and contact an authorized Retailer if there is any doubt. The vehicle can be driven safely until the vehicle is repaired.

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