

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT
INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 99V-111 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

MAY 11 1999

Part 573 Report Date: April 30, 1999

MANUFACTURER: Freightliner Corporation

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Mr. Gary W. Rossow

FAX: (503) 735-6800

SUBJECT: 195 Freightliner 1999 FL-50, FL-60 and FL-70 model vehicles equipped with hydraulic brakes and manufactured from January 14 through March 15, 1999. The hydraulic brake tube to the front left brake can contact the bottom frame rail flange. *Freightliner Campaign No. FL-236.*

This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

In accordance with Part 577, amended July 7, 1995, a draft owner notification letter must be submitted for review prior to mailing.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin June 14, 1999. Since this is so close to the end of the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due by October 30, 1999.

Notes: Please provide the remedy for this campaign.

If you have any questions, please call:

Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst on (202) 366-5232 or
Jonathan White, Chief on (202) 366-5227
Recall Analysis Division



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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Gary W. Rossow
Director, Government Technical Affairs
Freightliner Corporation
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Portland, OR 97217

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Dear Mr. Rossow:

We have reviewed Freightliner Corporation's (Freightliner) Defect Information Report dated April 30, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 195 Freightliner 1999 FL-50, FL-60 and FL-70 model vehicles equipped with hydraulic brakes and manufactured from January 14 through March 15, 1999. The hydraulic brake tube to the front left brake can contact the bottom frame rail flange. The assigned identification number for this recall is 99V-111 (*Freightliner Recall No. FL-236*).

Freightliner is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.

Additional Information Required

In order for us to complete our file on this matter, please provide the following additional information:

1. In accordance with Part 577, amended July 7, 1995, a draft owner notification letter must be submitted for review prior to mailing.
2. Please provide the remedy for this campaign.

Please provide this information, referencing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's identification codes on page 1 of this letter, to this office by **July 13, 1999**.

Quarterly Status Reports

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification was expected to begin June 14, 1999. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 1999.

Recall Communications

Communications pertaining to safety recalls and issued by Freightliner to more than one distributor, dealer, purchaser, or owner are to be submitted to this office within 5 days of issuance as described under 49 CFR Part 573.5(c)(9). Where this information is sent over a period time, the communications are to be submitted within 5 days from the date the communications were first sent, and furnish the date, or range of dates, each communication was issued. This includes information transmitted by computer, telefax, or other electronic means; and initial or interim communications. All copies are to be in readable form and a written transcript should be provided for each non-written communication. Also, if the communication was not nationally and uniformly distributed, then identify the criteria used for the distribution.

Manufacturer Communications

Part 573.8, "Notices, Bulletins and Other Communications," requires that every motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment manufacturer shall furnish a copy of **all notices, bulletins, and other communications (including warranty and policy extension communiques and product improvement bulletins)** to manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or purchasers, regarding any defect in its vehicle or items of equipment (including any failure or malfunction beyond normal deterioration in use, any failure of performance, or any flaw or unintended deviation from design specifications), **whether or not such defect is safety related**. These notices or communications are to be submitted, regardless of the media used to transmit the information. Where communications are made orally or electronically, provide a transcript. In all other cases, provide the information in the media form used to transmit the information. On a case by case basis, we may require written transcripts of this material as well. Copies are to be submitted monthly, not more than 5 working days after the end of each month.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,



Jonathan D. White, Chief
Recall Analysis Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Safety Assurance

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Asked for remedy in acknowledgment letter by mistake. The remedy was already provided in the 573. This information is no longer needed from Freightliner. paw 6/29/99