



December 21, 2000

Office of Defects Investigation, Room 5326
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Attn: Jonathan D. White

Subject: Information Report, NHTSA No.00V-040

In accordance with Title 49, Part 573, Freightliner LLC herewith submits an information report supplying supplemental information and copies of documents distributed to dealers and purchasers.

Sincerely,

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Section 573.5 Defect Information Report

Supplement No.: 1

Date: December 21, 2000

(c) (1) Manufacturer: FREIGHTLINER LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
(503) 735-8078

(c) (3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: (Revised to read) 21,516

(c) (9) Communications sent to dealers and owners:

Dealers – 11/14/00
Owners – 11/27/00

Subject: RV Chassis Tire Inflation Labels

MODELS AFFECTED: Freightliner Custom Chassis MC, XC, VCL, VC and XCS chassis manufactured between May 1, 1996, and January 21, 2000.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Freightliner LLC, on behalf of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation, has determined that a non-compliance which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on the above-mentioned vehicles. These vehicles fail to comply with the tire selection requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 110, Tire Selection and Rims.

There are approximately 22,419 Freightliner Custom Chassis vehicles involved in this campaign.

The tire rating labels installed on these vehicles may have incorrect tire pressure data. This could result in improper inflation pressures at the maximum gross axle weight ratings (GAWRs) on the label. Tire performance is not affected, but the vehicle should be operated at the specified pressure when fully loaded.

Owners are being sent correct overlay labels for the Chassis Identification Data Label.

WORK INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: This campaign should be completed by the vehicles' owners. A copy of the instructions provided to the owners has been included for your information in the attached work instructions.

REPLACEMENT PARTS

Replacement kits have been mailed to the owners.

NOTE: If you require a kit, please contact Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation at (864) 206-8790 between 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. Eastern Time.

If your dealership has ordered any vehicle(s) involved in campaign number FL253A-V, a computer listing of the customers and vehicle identification numbers will be enclosed.

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Refer to Table 1 for all replacement kits.

All Kits

Campaign Number	KR Number	Part Description	Part Number	Qty. per Kit	Suggested Wholesale*
FL253A	25-FL253-000	Tire Inflation Label	25-FL253-000	1	N/A
FL253B	25-FL253-001	Tire Inflation Label	25-FL253-001	1	
FL253C	25-FL253-002	Tire Inflation Label	25-FL253-002	1	
FL253D	25-FL253-003	Tire Inflation Label	25-FL253-003	1	
FL253E	25-FL253-004	Tire Inflation Label	25-FL253-004	1	
FL253F	25-FL253-005	Tire Inflation Label	25-FL253-005	1	
FL253G	25-FL253-006	Tire Inflation Label	25-FL253-006	1	
FL253H	25-FL253-007	Tire Inflation Label	25-FL253-007	1	
FL253I	25-FL253-008	Tire Inflation Label	25-FL253-008	1	
FL253J	25-FL253-009	Tire Inflation Label	25-FL253-009	1	
FL253K	25-FL253-010	Tire Inflation Label	25-FL253-010	1	
FL253L	25-FL253-011	Tire Inflation Label	25-FL253-011	1	
FL253M	25-FL253-012	Tire Inflation Label	25-FL253-012	1	
FL253N	25-FL253-013	Tire Inflation Label	25-FL253-013	1	
FL253O	25-FL253-014	Tire Inflation Label	25-FL253-014	1	
FL253P	25-FL253-015	Tire Inflation Label	25-FL253-015	1	
FL253Q	25-FL253-016	Tire Inflation Label	Specific to VIN	1	
FL253R	25-FL253-017	Tire Inflation Label	Specific to VIN	1	
FL253S	25-FL253-018	Tire Inflation Label	Specific to VIN	1	
FL253T	25-FL253-019	Tire Inflation Label	Specific to VIN	1	
FL253U	25-FL253-020	Tire Inflation Label	Specific to VIN	1	
FL253V	25-FL253-021	Tire Inflation Label	Specific to VIN	1	

* Please charge all Direct Warranty Customers the above-listed price for the kit, as they are authorized to perform their own recalls.

Table 1

REMOVED PARTS

Not applicable.

LABOR ALLOWANCE

No dealer labor is required

CLAIMS FOR CREDIT

There are no kits, labor, or handling for this campaign.

If a customer requests this Recall, call the Warranty Campaigns Department at (800) 547-0712, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pacific Time, or the Customer Assistance Center at (503) 745-7877, after normal business hours, if you have any questions or need additional information.

The letter notifying vehicle owners is included for your reference.

Please note that the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, as amended (49 USC), requires the owner's vehicle(s) be corrected within a reasonable time after parts are available to you. The Act states that failure to repair a vehicle within 60 days after tender for repair shall be prima facie evidence of an unreasonable time. However, circumstances of a particular situation may reduce the 60 day period. Failure to repair a vehicle within a reasonable time can result in either the obligation to (a) replace the vehicle with an identical or reasonably equivalent vehicle, without charge, or (b) refund the purchase price in full, less a reasonable allowance for depreciation. The Act further prohibits dealers from selling a vehicle unless all outstanding recalls are performed. Also, any lessor is required to send a copy of the recall notification to the lessee.

Finally, the Act states that a remedy need not be provided without charge if the vehicle was bought by the first purchaser more than eight (8) calendar years before notice is given.

WARRANTY CAMPAIGNS DEPARTMENT

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Copy of Letter to Owner

Subject: RV Chassis Tire Inflation Labels

Dear Freightliner Custom Chassis Vehicle Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act and the Canadian Motor Vehicles Safety Act.

Freightliner LLC, on behalf of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation, has determined that a non-compliance which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on Freightliner Custom Chassis MC, XC, VCL, VC and XCS chassis manufactured between May 1, 1996, and January 21, 2000. These vehicles fail to comply with the tire selection requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 110, Tire Selection and Rims.

The tire rating labels installed on these vehicles may have incorrect tire pressure data. This could result in improper inflation pressures at the maximum gross axle weight ratings (GAWRs) on the label. Tire performance is not affected, but the vehicle should be operated at the specified pressure when fully loaded.

Enclosed you will find: correct overlay label(s) for the Chassis Identification Data Label, the Work Instructions for completing this Recall Campaign, and the notification identifying your involved vehicle(s). **When the campaign is complete please sign and return the enclosed form in the postage paid business reply envelope.**

If you do not own the vehicle that corresponds to the identification number(s) which appears on the Recall Notification, please return the notification to the Warranty Campaigns Department with any information you can furnish that will assist us in locating the present owner. If you have leased this vehicle, please make sure this notification is immediately forwarded to the lessee.

If you are unable to have the defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time after you tender the vehicle for repair, please contact the Warranty Campaigns Department, at (800) 547-0712, 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Pacific Time, or the Customer Assistance Center, at (800) FTL-HELP after normal business hours. You may also wish to notify the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 7th Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590, or phone (888) 327-4238. If your vehicle is involved in the Canadian portion, you may notify the Manager, Recall and Public Compliance, Road and Motor Vehicle Traffic Safety Branch, Transport Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, or phone (613) 993-9851.

Please remember to sign and return the notification form when you have completed the Recall

We regret any inconvenience this action may cause, but feel certain you understand our interest in motor vehicle safety.

WARRANTY CAMPAIGNS DEPARTMENT

Enclosure

Work Instructions**Subject: RV Chassis Tire Inflation Labels**

MODELS AFFECTED: Freightliner Custom Chassis MC, XC, VCL, VC and XCS chassis manufactured between May 1, 1998, and January 21, 2000.

Instructions for FL253A-FL253P

1. Locate the Chassis Identification Data Label in the cab area of your recreational vehicle. Body manufacturers generally install these labels on the driver's side of the cab.
2. Match the campaign number (e.g. FL253A) located in the bottom left corner of the enclosed 1in x 1.75 in (2.5cm x 4.5 cm) label with the campaign number printed on the top of the enclosed list of VIN numbers. For each vehicle on that list, install a corresponding correction Label over the indicated portion of your Chassis Identification Data label. See Fig. 1.
3. When the corrected label has been installed, indicate that the Recall has been successfully completed by writing "complete" on the line next to each VIN listed on the enclosed form. If there has been a change of

CHASSIS IDENTIFICATION DATA	
MODEL: XC CHASSIS	
VIN: 4U86XFB00YCG77977	
DATE OF MFR: DECEMBER 1999	
FREIGHTLINER CUSTOM CHASSIS CORPORATION GARNEY, SOUTH CAROLINA 29941	
24H50	
GVWR: _____	
GAWL: _____	
FRT = 9350	WITH 235/80R22.5 TIRES
AND 22.5X7.50	NEED AT 100 PSI (COLD)
RR = 15500	WITH 235/80R22.5 TIRES
AND 22.5X7.50	NEED AT 80 PSI (COLD)
TAG = N/A	WITH N/A TIRES
AND N/A	NEED AT N/A PSI (COLD)
VEHICLE TYPE: MFP	
OVERSPEEDING OR OVERLOADING WILL VOID WARRANTY. THE ABOVE DATA REPRESENTS ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT.	
PBI P10422	

235/80R 22.5	FRT TIRES
105 MAX	PSI (COLD)
235/80R 22.5	REAR TIRES
105 MAX	PSI (COLD)
FL253W	25-FL253-022



Fig. 1,

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address, please include this information on the form as well. If you no longer own the vehicle, please return the label and the form with any information that will assist us in locating this vehicle

- Return the completed form and unused labels in the enclosed business reply envelope. Mail to the Warranty Campaigns Department, P.O. Box 4090, Portland OR 97208-4090.

Instructions for FL253Q-FL253V

- Locate the Chassis Identification Data Label in the cab area of your recreational vehicle. Body manufacturers generally install these labels on the driver's side of the cab.
- Match the VIN number on the new Chassis Identification Data Label with the Chassis Identification Data Label in your recreational vehicle. Completely cover the existing label with the new Chassis Identification Data Label. See Fig. 2.
- When the corrected label has been installed, indicate that the Recall has been successfully completed by writing "complete" on the line next to each VIN listed on the enclosed form. If there has been a change of address, please include this information on the form as well. If you no longer own the vehicle, please return the label and the form with any information that will assist us in locating this vehicle
- Return the completed form and unused labels in the enclosed business reply envelope. Mail to the Warranty Campaigns Department, P.O. Box 4090, Portland OR 97208-4090.

CHASSIS IDENTIFICATION DATA		CHASSIS IDENTIFICATION DATA	
MODEL: 7855	MODEL: 7855	MODEL: 7855	MODEL: 7855
MPG BY: MIDWEST BUS	MPG BY: MIDWEST BUS	MPG BY: MIDWEST BUS	MPG BY: MIDWEST BUS
VIN: 4CMBX077R2306121	VIN: 4CMBX077R2306121	VIN: 4CMBX077R2306121	VIN: 4CMBX077R2306121
DATE OF INC VEH MFG: FEBRUARY 1994		DATE OF INC VEH MFG: FEBRUARY 1994	
INCOMPLETE VEHICLE MANUFACTURED BY: FREIGHTLINER CUSTOM CHASSIS CORPORATION		INCOMPLETE VEHICLE MANUFACTURED BY: FREIGHTLINER CUSTOM CHASSIS CORPORATION	
GARNEY, SOUTH CAROLINA 29941		GARNEY, SOUTH CAROLINA 29941	
OVERWEIGHT: 14061 (31000)	OVERWEIGHT: 14061 (31000)	OVERWEIGHT: 14061 (31000)	OVERWEIGHT: 14061 (31000)
GAWBWEIGHT:	GAWBWEIGHT:	GAWBWEIGHT:	GAWBWEIGHT:
FRONT = 5443 (12000)	FRONT = 5443 (12000)	FRONT = 5443 (12000)	FRONT = 5443 (12000)
WITH 11X22.5(G) TIRE 22.5X28.25 RIMS	WITH 11X22.5(G) TIRE 22.5X28.25 RIMS	WITH 11X22.5(G) TIRE 22.5X28.25 RIMS	WITH 11X22.5(G) TIRE 22.5X28.25 RIMS
PRESSURE = 152 (105) (COLD)	PRESSURE = 152 (105) (COLD)	PRESSURE = 160 (110) (COLD)	PRESSURE = 160 (110) (COLD)
FRONT INTD = N/A	FRONT INTD = N/A	FRONT INTD = N/A	FRONT INTD = N/A
WITH N/A TIRE N/A RIMS	WITH N/A TIRE N/A RIMS	WITH N/A TIRE N/A RIMS	WITH N/A TIRE N/A RIMS
PRESSURE = N/A (COLD)	PRESSURE = N/A (COLD)	PRESSURE = N/A (COLD)	PRESSURE = N/A (COLD)
REAR = 9519 (19000)	REAR = 9519 (19000)	REAR = 9519 (19000)	REAR = 9519 (19000)
WITH 11X22.5(G) TIRE 22.5X28.25 RIMS	WITH 11X22.5(G) TIRE 22.5X28.25 RIMS	WITH 11X22.5(G) TIRE 22.5X28.25 RIMS	WITH 11X22.5(G) TIRE 22.5X28.25 RIMS
PRESSURE = 152 (105) (COLD)	PRESSURE = 152 (105) (COLD)	PRESSURE = 160 (110) (COLD)	PRESSURE = 160 (110) (COLD)
VEHICLE TYPE: INCOMPLETE	VEHICLE TYPE: INCOMPLETE	VEHICLE TYPE: INCOMPLETE	VEHICLE TYPE: INCOMPLETE
NOTE: ALL WEIGHTS LISTED IN LB (KG) PRESSURES LISTED IN PSI (BAR)		NOTE: ALL WEIGHTS LISTED IN LB (KG) PRESSURES LISTED IN PSI (BAR)	
OVERSPEEDING OR OVERLOADING WILL VOID WARRANTY. THE ABOVE DATA REPRESENTS ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT.		OVERSPEEDING OR OVERLOADING WILL VOID WARRANTY. THE ABOVE DATA REPRESENTS ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT.	



Fig. 2.