

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

Assigned Recall No. 03V-500 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

**Part 573 Report Date:** November 25, 2003

**Date Faxed:** December 5, 2003

**MANUFACTURER:** Freightliner LLC

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**SUBJECT:** 400 Freightliner 2003 Century Class, Columbia, and Coronado vehicles manufactured from September 8-18, 2003. A plastic push-to-connect air line fitting cartridge could be improperly welded into the nylon junction block housing and allow an air line to become disconnected. (*Freightliner Recall Campaign FL-418*)

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

Please provide us with a draft owner notification letter for our review before mailing to consumers and the estimated mailing date.

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 to be completed approximately January 23, 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:



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