

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

Assigned Recall No. 00V-357 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: **October 31, 2000**

MANUFACTURER: **Freightliner Corporation**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Mr. Gary W. Rossow**

FAX: **(503) 735-6800**

SUBJECT: **133,300 (U.S. and Canada) Freightliner 1991 through 2000 Business Class models manufactured from May 1991 through December 15, 2000. The brake pedal push rod that activates the service brakes could fracture. Freightliner Recall No. FL-276**

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 well as an estimated owner notification schedule.

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 be completed by December 13, 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2001.

NOTES: Please provide the U.S. population involved.

If you have any questions, please call:

Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst on (202) 366-5232 or
Jonathan White, Chief on (202) 366-5226
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Recall Analysis Division

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Mr. Gary W. Rossow
Director, Government Technical Affairs
Freightliner Corporation
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Dear Mr. Rossow:

We have reviewed Freightliner Corporation's (Freightliner) Defect Information Report dated October 31, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 105,000 Freightliner 1991 through 2000 Business Class models manufactured from May 1991 through December 15, 2000. The brake pedal push rod that activates the service brakes could fracture. The assigned recall identification number for this recall is 00V-357 (*Freightliner Campaign No. FL-276*).

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

Quarterly Status Reports

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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
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Safety Assurance