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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
06V-205

Subject: BENDIX PARK BRAKE VALVE

Dear MR. BLUBAUGH:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

FREIGHTLINER/ARGOSY/2007
FREIGHTLINER/CARGO/2007
FREIGHTLINER/CENTURY CLASS S/T/2007
FREIGHTLINER/COLUMBIA/2007
FREIGHTLINER/FLD/2007
STERLING/ACTERRA/2007
STERLING/AT/2007
STERLING/CARGO/2007
STERLING/L/2007
STERLING/LT/2007
THOMAS BUILT BUSES/C2/2007
THOMAS BUILT BUSES/HDX/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-205

Mfg's Report Date: June 2, 2006

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4,500

Summary:

CERTAIN 2007 FREIGHTLINER ARGOSY, CARGO, CENTURY CLASS S/T, COLUMBIA, FLD; STERLING CARGO, AT, L, LT, AND ACTERRA HEAVY TRUCKS; AND THOMAS BUILT BUSES C2 AND HDX SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN APRIL 1 AND MAY 26, 2006, EQUIPPED WITH BENDIX MODULATED SPRING BRAKE VALVES. A DEFECT IN THE MODULATED SPRING BRAKE VALVE CASTING MAY CAUSE AN INTERMITTENT DELAY IN THE APPLICATION OF THE PARK BRAKE.

Consequence:

THE VEHICLE MAY ROLLAWAY WITHOUT WARNING, POSSIBLY CAUSING PERSONAL INJURY.

Remedy:

FREIGHTLINER WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPLACE THE DEFECTIVE VALVES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON JUNE 30, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT FREIGHTLINER AT 1-800-547-0712.

Notes:

FREIGHTLINER RECALL NO. FL-477. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, 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, the recall is expected to begin on June 30, 2006. Since owner notification will begin late in the current calendar quarter, the first quarterly report will be due in this office on or before 30 days after the close of the next calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement