

Recall Campaign

November 2006
FL480A-C
NHTSA #06V-387

Copy of Letter to Owner

Subject: ArvinMeritor RPL20 Interaxle Driveline Snap Rings

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

Freightliner LLC, on behalf of its Freightliner Trucks Division, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Freightliner Columbia vehicles manufactured between July 11, 2006, and August 31, 2006, with ArvinMeritor RPL20 high angle interaxle drivelines.

Certain interaxle drivelines may have improperly seated or missing snap rings. If this is the case, the bearing cup could separate from the slip yoke assembly, allowing the universal joint cross to contact the slip yoke casting and eventually fracture the ear work. This may result in vehicle/property damage or injury to people nearby.

The interaxle driveline will be inspected for proper snap ring installation. Vehicles that have improperly seated or missing snap rings will have the interaxle driveline replaced.

Inspection kits are now available for authorized dealers to order. **Contact your authorized dealer in advance to arrange to have your vehicle(s) inspected and to ensure the inspection kit is at the dealership and will be available when you arrive.** To locate a dealer, search online at www.FreightlinerTrucks.com or contact the Warranty Campaigns Department for assistance.

When you contact your dealer, refer to campaign number **FL480A-C**. Once kit(s) are received at the dealership, the inspection will take approximately half an hour and will be performed at no charge to you.

IMPORTANT: When the recall has been completed, please ensure that a label has been affixed to your vehicle referencing **FL480A-C**.

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, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to the lessee within 10 days.

If you are not able to have the defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, which is not longer than 60 days after you tender the vehicle for repair, please contact the Warranty Campaigns Department at (800) 547-0712, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday, e-mail address WarrantyCampaigns@freightliner.com, or the Customer Assistance Center at (800) FTL-HELP or (800) STL-HELP, after normal business hours. You may also wish to submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20590; or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236 (TTY: 800-424-9153); or to <http://www.safercar.gov>. If your vehicle is involved in the Canadian portion, you may wish to notify Transport Canada, ASFAD, Place de Ville Tower C, 330 Sparks Street, Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5, or phone (800) 333-0510.

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

WARRANTY CAMPAIGNS DEPARTMENT

Enclosure