



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.
Washington, DC 20590

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MR. DAN JAYNES
QUALITY DIRECTOR
FONTAINE MODIFICATION
9827 MT HOLLY RD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28214

NVS-215dgl
10V-444

Subject: REAR SUSPENSION LOWER LINK BRACKETS

Dear MR. JAYNES:

This letter serves to acknowledge Fontaine Modification's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

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/M2/2009-2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-444

Mfg's Report Date: August 31, 2010

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, AIR: SUPPLY: HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 308

Summary:

FONTAINE MODIFICATION IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009-2010 FREIGHTLINER M2 VEHICLES BUILT ON FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS AND EQUIPPED WITH DUEL STEERING COMPONENTS. THE ROUTING OF THE AIR HOSES, WITHIN THE AIR BRAKE SYSTEM, THAT CONTROL THE BRAKES ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE TRUCK MAY HAVE BEEN DONE IMPROPERLY.

Consequence:

THE AIR HOSES ROUTED VERY CLOSE TO THE TURBO OUTLET CAN CAUSE THE LINES TO BLISTER, THEN MELT AND DEVELOP AIR LEAKS THAT MAY LEAD TO BRAKE LOCK UP INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL NEW HOSES AND HEAT PROTECTIVE THERMAL WRAP FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING OCTOBER 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT FONTAINE MODIFICATION AT 704-409-1613.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577, however please add a contact number for customers to reach Fontaine Modification for further information related to the recall campaign.

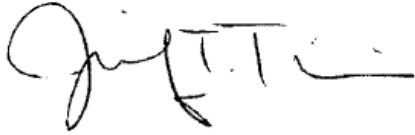
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement