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Washington, DC 20590

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Corbin, KY [REDACTED]

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Ref. # 10113725

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your correspondence concerning the fire in your model year (MY) 1997 Mazda B2300 pick-up truck. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation received your correspondence on August 28, 2007. We regret any inconvenience our delay in responding may have caused you. We regret any inconvenience our delay in responding may have caused you.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain serious safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. However, we cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

A review of our database relative to vehicle fires in 1997 B2300 pick-up trucks revealed no reports of problems similar to that which you encountered; therefore, there is insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation at this time. However, Mazda is recalling 76,000 MY 1998-2002 B-Series trucks equipped with speed control systems. The speed control deactivation switch may, under certain conditions leak internally and then overheat, smoke, or burn. This could result in an underhood fire (NHTSA recall 07V-347). We suggest you contact the manufacturer directly with regard to the recall. The information you provided has been entered into our database. It will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

NHTSA
www.nhtsa.gov

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment in the future, you can complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq>. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald B. Fields".

Ronald B. Fields, Chief
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