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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the facsimile correspondence dated March 21, 2005. It was received on March 23, 2005, by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation. We apologize for the use of this form letter; however, due to the number of letters received with regard to recalls and the limited resources available to this agency, we are responding to your correspondence in this manner. A member of our staff may contact you if further information is needed.

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. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, sufficient data must exist to warrant the expenditure of agency resources. We cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. Each report is analyzed and compiled into a database to assist us in identifying potential recall inadequacies that require our attention. Problems associated with recall actions and reimbursement requests relating to a safety recall are sent to the manufacturer and a request that it be reviewed for a possible resolution. Reimbursement requests relating to failure of a product, not related to a safety recall, do not fall under our jurisdiction. You may consider contacting your local Consumer Protection Agency, the Better Business Bureau, or the State Office of the Attorney General for assistance.

If you wish to update or provide additional information, e.g., copies of repair invoices, police report where a crash occurred, fire department report when a fire occurred, or more detailed information about the incident(s) relating to safety, please attach the additional information to the enclosed Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ). The information you provide will be used to update your report.



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888-DASH-2-DOT
888-327-4236

In cases where an investigation is initiated or your report relates to a current investigation, a copy of your report is provided to the manufacturer of the product being investigated. The Privacy Act prohibits our agency from providing your personal identifiers (name, address, and mailing zip code) to the manufacturer without your permission. Please mark the appropriate authorization box on the VOQ and sign the form.

If you have access to a computer, you may obtain information about recalls, investigations, and other safety related information by accessing NHTSA's Internet Web site at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

If further assistance is needed with regard to a recall action, please contact Mr. Larry Long, Office of Defects Investigation, Recall Management Division, at: (202) 366-6281. Please contact Mr. Michael J. Jordan, Office of Defects Investigation, Correspondence Research Division, at: (202) 493-0576 on other safety matters.

Sincerely,



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Enforcement

Enclosure

P.S. Dealership or auto repair problems should be reported to your local Consumer Protection Agency and the Better Business Bureau.

cc: Office of Defects Investigation, Defect Assessment Division NVS-210