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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, D.C. 20590

May 25, 2007

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Washington, DC [REDACTED]

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Ref. # 10190084

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your correspondence dated April 27, 2007, concerning the door frame on your Model Year (MY) 1996 Volvo 850 vehicle. Your correspondence was received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation on May 3, 2007. 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. 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 entered into a database to determine whether an investigation into a possible safety defect or safety defect recall adequacy is warranted. We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists regarding the door frame cracking in MY 1996 Volvo 850 vehicles. There are no reports similar to that which you encountered; therefore, there is insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation. The information you provided has been entered into our database and will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

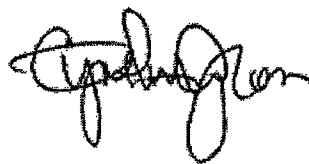


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Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment in the future, you can complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq>. Also, a summary listing of 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 black ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia Glass', with a stylized, cursive script.

Cynthia Glass, Acting Chief
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