

Chris Tinto, Vice President  
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Re: Confidentiality Determination/EA07-012 (Land Rover Range Rover -- peer data)

Dear Mr. Tinto:

This responds to your February 28, 2008 letter requesting confidential treatment for information provided by Toyota Motor North America (Toyota) in response to an agency information request involving front differential failures. The information is contained in the marked portions and identified pages of "Attachment Response 6c" (detailed manufacturing process information) and "Attachment Response 6e" (engineering drawings). You request that the agency treat this information as confidential on a permanent basis.

Your letter indicates that the submitted information is considered confidential and proprietary and that it is not released to the public. You argue that if the information were disclosed, it would be likely to cause Toyota to suffer substantial competitive harm by revealing Toyota's design specification and production methodologies. You contend that the disclosure of these documents would give competitors valuable information without having to commit resources comparable to those invested by Toyota. You also assert that the submitted engineering drawings are covered by the general class determination provided in 49 CFR Part 512, Appendix B(1).

I have decided to grant your request for confidential treatment.

The information contained in "Attachment Response 6c" and "Attachment Response 6e" will be withheld for an indefinite period of time.

This grant of confidential treatment is subject to certain conditions. The information may be disclosed under 49 CFR § 512.22 based upon newly discovered or changed facts, and you must inform the agency of any changed circumstances that may affect the protection of the information (49 CFR § 512.10). If necessary, you will be notified prior to the release of any information under the procedures established by our regulations (49 CFR § 512.22(b)).

Sincerely,

**Original Signed By**

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Senior Attorney

