

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF NONCOMPLIANCE  
INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 01V-168 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **May 18, 2001**

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MANUFACTURER: **Saab Cars USA, Inc.**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Mr. Gerald Plante, Manager, Compliance & Technical Liaison**

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**SUBJECT: Some 38,241 Saab 2001 Model 9-3 and 9-5 vehicles manufactured from July 25, 2000 through April 20, 2001, fail to comply with requirements of FMVSS No. 208, "Occupant Crash Protection." The air bag alert labels may not be permanently affixed as required by this standard.**

This is an **initial** acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

This recall was the subject of an investigation conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

**A draft copy of the notification documents must be submitted to this office by facsimile (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing to owners.**

As stated in Part 573.6, 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**. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin July 30, 2001. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 30, 2001.

If you have any questions, please call:



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