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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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

Assigned Recall No. **04V-605** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **December 22, 2004**

Date E-Mailed: **December 23, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **Mazda North American Operations**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **David Robertson, Manager, Safety Engineering**

SUBJECT: 49,800 Mazda 2004-2005 Tribute sport utility vehicles and certain 2001-2003 Tribute vehicles having rear liftgate components serviced with 2004 model year equivalent components. These vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 206, 'Door Locks And Door Retention Components.' The rear liftgate latching system does not meet the inertia load requirement in one direction. Mazda Recall No. 2804L.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please provide us with a draft owner notification letter for our review before mailing to consumers.

As stated in Part 573.7, 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, the recall is expected to begin during January 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call:

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