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PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

On the 11th of May, 2004, Regency Conversions, Inc. decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and noncompliance Reports.

This report was prepared on May 14, 2004

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I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

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Make: Chevrolet Model Years Involved: 2004 Model: 1500 Pickup Truck

Production Dates: Beginning: January 29, 2004 Ending: May 12, 2004

Vehicle Type: Truck Bodystyle: Regular Cab Pickup Truck

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall: Regular Cab RST Package

Make: GMC Model Years Involved: 2004 Model: 1500 Pickup Truck

Production Dates: Beginning: January 29, 2004 Ending: May 12, 2004

Vehicle Type: Truck Bodystyle: Regular Cab Pickup Truck

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall: Regular Cab RST Package

The Recall involves 100% of all the RST Package Trucks produced from January 29, 2004 to May 12, 2004.

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect.

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved
1500 Truck-RST Chevrolet	2004	193
1500 Truck-RST GMC	2004	92
Total Number Potentially affected by Recall:		285

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect: 100%

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This defect has been identified in only this one (RST) conversion package. Production began January 29, 2004 and once the defect was confirmed, May 12, 2004, production has been halted until the correct part arrives.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

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The spare tire and wheel assembly that Regency Conversions, Inc. provided on the Chevrolet and GMC Regular Cab 1500 RST Package will not fit on the front wheel hub due to the offset of the wheel; however, it will fit on the rear wheels.

The offset of the wheel is what will not allow it to be mounted on the front hub, but it can be mounted on the rear.

If someone has a flat tire on the front they will not be able to install the provided spare.

There is no warning which can precede this condition.

This spare assembly was purchased from Tredit Tire and Wheel, 1804 N. Poyco Dr, Arlington, TX 76001 (817)-463-6846

Mr. Ron Pike is the area manager of Tredit Tire and Wheel.

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect

On May 11, 2004 we were notified from a dealer that the front wheels were stolen from a Regency RST Truck. He decided to put on a couple of the spares to move the truck and discovered that they did not fit. Here at Regency Conversions, Inc. the defect was duplicated and verified. Regency then contacted its supplier with this problem and production was halted on this particular model of truck.

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V. Identify the Remedy

The vendor of the wheel has been notified and a correct wheel is being produced with an expected delivery of May 21, 2004.

The offset for the correct spare wheel is 4 1/2" and the offset for the defective wheel is 5".

The condition in production will be corrected when the correct wheel arrives.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

The retail customers and the dealers that received these trucks will be sent recall notices. Units in production will be corrected prior to completion.

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

Copies of the Dealer Recall and Customer Recall will be submitted for review the week of May 17th.