PART 573 DEFECT AND NON COMPLIANCE REPORT 2003-2005 Model Year Jaguar S-Type

1. **QUESTION**:

Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer/brand name/trademark owner of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and address of the designated agent as prescribed by Section 110 (e) of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

ANSWER:

Importer and Agent:

Jaguar Cars

Fabricating Manufacturer:

Jaguar Cars Ltd

Controller of Fabricating

Manufacturer and Trademark Owner:

Jaguar Cars Ltd

2. QUESTION:

Identify the vehicles involved in the recall and for each make and model provide:

ANSWER:

MAKE:

Jaguar

MODEL:

S-TYPE

MODEL YEARS INVOLVED:

2003-2005 MY

PRODUCTION DATES

BEGINNING: Jan 2002

ENDING: Sept 28 2004

VIN RANGE INVOLVED

BEGINNING: M44998

ENDING: N35567

BODY STYLE:

Sedan Passenger Cars

VEHICLE TYPE:

Car

3. QUESTION:

Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or non-compliance.

ANSWER:

USA

50,000

Canada

2,906

4. QUESTION:

Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or non compliance.

ANSWER:

All vehicles in the United States and Federated Territories

5. QUESTION:

Describe the defect or non-compliance. The description should include but not be limited to a brief summary of the nature (addressing the contributing factors, if any), physical location of the defect or non-compliance, and consequence. Photographs or illustrations should be considered where appropriate.

ANSWER:

On affected vehicles, the brake fluid master cylinder reservoir is recessed and oriented in the engine compartment beneath a leaf screen, such that the brake fluid warning statement embossed on the top of the reservoir body is not visible by direct view. These vehicles, therefore, may not comply with the FMVSS 135 requirement that the warning statement (WARNING: Clean filler cap before removing. Use only ______ fluid from a sealed container.) be "located so as to be visible by direct view, either on or within 100mm (3.94 inches) of the brake fluid reservoir filler plug or cap."

As of the date of this letter, there are no known accidents or injuries attributable to this condition.

6. **QUESTION:**

With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

ANSWER:

The condition was brought to Jaguar's attention during a routine Compliance Department review of in-process vehicles. An investigation was undertaken, including inspection of reservoir labels on all Jaguar vehicles, review of production records, and analysis of computer records, to confirm the observed condition and to determine vehicles potentially affected.

The item was reviewed within the Field Review Group in August 2004, where potential contributing causes of the condition and its scope were reviewed.

7. QUESTION:

Furnish a description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or non compliance.

ANSWER:

Jaguar will notify dealers on October 4, 2004 to stop delivering the affected vehicles until an adhesive label could be applied adjacent to the brake reservoir cap. The notification letters will include labels containing the required warning statement, to be affixed by the owners to the leaf screen adjacent to the reservoir cap. Instructions will be provided for affixing the labels and owners will be advised that, at their option, they may contact their dealers and make arrangements for dealer installation of the labels at no charge.

8. QUESTION:

Furnish a copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or non-compliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. These copies are to be submitted to the Office of Defect Investigations no later than 5 days after they are first sent to manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or purchasers. Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided, in accordance with the Part 573.8 requirements.

ANSWER:

Jaguar has assigned Recall number R171 to this action.