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Mr. Kenneth N Weinstein
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

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December 9, 2004

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Re.: Submission of Part 573 report for certain 2002 through 2004 model year Mazda Tribute vehicles

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports," Mazda North American Operations (MNAO), on behalf of Mazda Motor Corporation of Hiroshima, Japan (Mazda), submits the following information concerning a safety-related recall action that it is initiating.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(1):

Mazda Motor Corporation with Designated Agent:

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Sec. 573.6 (c)(2):

Certain 2002 through 2004 model year Mazda Tribute vehicles built from May 30, 2001 through December 19, 2003 with the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) range between 4F2**** 1**KM00001 and 4F2**** 1**K M66656.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(3):

Approximately 121,000 vehicles

Sec. 573.6 (c)(4):

All of the subject vehicles may experience the condition.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(5):

The accelerator cable inner liner may, over time, migrate out of the conduit at the dash panel fitting during vehicle operation. The liner may migrate to the point that it contacts the accelerator pedal arm (part of the accelerator pedal assembly). Under these conditions the liner may prevent the pedal from fully returning, which may not allow the throttle body to fully return to the "idle" position. Typically the condition results in a progressive increase in the "idle" speed if liner migration continues over time, but may cause a more sudden increase if a greater portion of the cable moves at one time.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(6):

Mazda was informed from Ford on December 1, 2004 that the affected vehicles may have potential defect of this accelerator cable, and Ford determined to conduct a recall campaign for Ford Escape vehicles. As a result of verification of the contents of this problem in Mazda, Mazda also determined to conduct a recall campaign for Mazda Tribute vehicles.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(7):

Not Applicable

Sec. 573.6 (c)(8):

Owners of record will be notified of the defect by first class mail in January 2005 and be instructed to bring their vehicle to Mazda dealer. Repairs will be performed at no cost to the vehicle owner.

A copy of the reimbursement plan to be sent to owners and dealers as an attachment to the owner notification letter will be sent with a separate cover letter when it becomes available. With respect to reimbursement, customers will be reimbursed based on the submission of a receipt indicating the amount paid by the customer to remedy this defect.

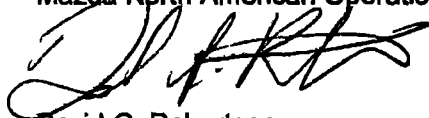
Sec. 573.6 (c)(9) & (10):

A copy of the notification letter to be sent to owners and dealers will be submitted for your review with a separate cover letter when it becomes available.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(11):

Mazda has assigned recall number 2704L to this action.

Sincerely yours,
Mazda-North American Operations



David G. Robertson
Manager,
Environmental & Safety Engineering