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

Assigned Recall No. <u>04V-073</u> by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: February 16, 2004 Date Faxed/E-Mailed: February 20, 2004

MANUFACTURER: Mazda North American Operations

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SUBJECT: 15,800 MY 2004 MPV minivans for falling to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 208, "Occupant Crash Protection." The front passenger seat air bag was not correctly wiring. In the event of a crash, the air bag will not provide adequate protection.

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.

We have reviewed your draft owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

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, owner notification is expected to begin during February 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:



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