

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

Assigned Recall No. 04V-075 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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

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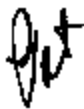
SUBJECT: 12,000 MY 2004 RX-8 passenger vehicles with manual transmissions. The heat insulator may be cracked causing abnormal noise. Continued operation of the vehicle can cause the insulator to come off and could pose a hazard to following vehicles.

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

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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