

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

Assigned Recall No. 04V-118 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

**Part 573 Report Date:** March 4, 2004

**Date Faxed:** March 9, 2004

**Manufacturer:** Mack Trucks, Inc.

**Manufacturer Contact:** Ms. Donna Lamarche  
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**SUBJECT:** 35 Mack 2003-2004 CV and DM chassis manufactured from May 27, 2003 through February 4, 2004. These chassis fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 121, "Air Brake Systems." The specification (arrangement) defect on some 18,000 lb. and 20,000 lb. front axle assemblies resulted in a front brake chamber too small to meet stopping distance. (Mack Recall No. SC0286)


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 proposed owner notification letter and have the following suggested changes.

- You cannot state "**POTENTIAL RISK.**" The word "potential" implies that the defect may not exist on any of the vehicles and is considered to be a disclaimer specifically prohibited by Part 577.8(a). You could state "**Safety Risk.**"
- Under "**POTENTIAL RISK,**" please change "**there is a potential for a collision**" to "**this could increase the risk of a crash.**"

As stated in Part 573.6, 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 late March 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:

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