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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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

Assigned Recall No. **04V-456** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **September 13, 2004** Date Faxed: **September 27, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **Mack Trucks, Inc.**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Donna Lamarche, Campaign Administrator**

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SUBJECT: **4,959 Mack 2003 CH and CX chassis. The steering gear mounting bolts were made of inconsistent bolt material, which has led to bolt failures. This inconsistent bolt material condition could result in a failure of a steering gear mounting bolts. The steering gear is mounted to the vehicle's frame with three bolts. Failure of two of the three bolts could result in the loss of steering, which could result in loss of vehicle control and crash without warning.** ***Mack Recall No. SC0289.***

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

I have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

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, the recall is expected to begin during October 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2005.

Please let me know when the actual mailing takes place and, as usual, provide this office with final copies of all documents relating to the recall.

If you have any questions, please call:

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