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of Transportation

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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

EPB 0 2005

GENE WRIGHT  
CAPACITY OF TEXAS  
401 CAPACITY DRIVE  
LONGVIEW TX 75604

NVS-215  
05V-038

Subject: CAPACITY OF TEXAS/ARVINMERITOR/TIE ROD

Dear MR. WRIGHT:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**  
CAPACITY/TJ6500/2004

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-038

**Recall Date:** January 20, 2005

**Components:**  
STEERING:LINKAGES:TIE ROD ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN HEAVY DUTY CLASS 8 TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH ARVINMERITOR URRESKO TIE ROD CLAMPS, HEAT TREATMENT OF CLAMPS CREATED A SURFACE HARDNESS THAT COULD LEAD TO A FRACTURE OF THE CLAMPS.

**Consequence:**

IN THE EVENT OF A CRACK, THE CLAMPS COULD BREAK OFF AFFECTING TOE-IN AND ALIGNMENT. THE TIE ROD CAN COME LOOSE RESULTING IN STEERING LOSS AND A CRASH COULD OCCUR WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING.

**Remedy:**

ARVINMERITOR IS CONDUCTING THE OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT ARVINMERITOR AT 1-866-668-7221 OR CAPATICY AT 903-759-0610.

**Notes:**

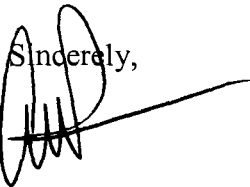
ARVINMERITOR RECALL NO. C5AA. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

Please provide us with the build date of the vehicle affected by this recall.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in your report, ArvinMeritor will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.5 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If ArvinMeritor's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,  


George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division