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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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ROGER LACKORE, P.E.
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P.O. BOX 2017
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NVS-215
05V-072

Subject: SUSPENSION SEAT TETHERS

Dear MR. LACKORE:

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:

PIERCE/DASH/1996-2004
PIERCE/ENFORCER/2001-2004
PIERCE/LANCE/1999-2004
PIERCE/QUANTUM/1996-2004

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-072

Recall Date: February 09, 2005

Components:

SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,600

Summary:

CERTAIN FIRE TRUCKS FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 207, 'SEATING SYSTEMS.' THE SEAT TETHER RESTRAINS THE SEAT DURING PULL TESTING AS THE SUSPENSION COMPONENTS ARE NOT DESIGNED TO RESTRAIN THE SEAT ON THEIR OWN. THE SUSPENSION SEAT TETHERS ARE TOO LONG.

Consequence:

THE OCCUPANT WILL EXPERIENCE INSUFFICIENT SUSPENSION SEAT RESTRAINT WHICH COULD LEAD TO PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE SUSPENSION SEAT TETHERS WITH SHORTER TETHERS. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT PIERCE AT 1-888-974-3723.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), 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).

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 or delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

/s/ Patricia A. Wallace for

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division