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NVS-215
05V-078

Subject: ARVIN-MERITOR/AUTO SLACK ADJUSTERS

Dear MR.GORNICK:

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, as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

AUTOCAR/WX/2005
AUTOCAR/WXLL/2005
AUTOCAR/WXR/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-078

Recall Date: February 15, 2005

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:SLACK ADJUSTERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 308

Summary:

ON CERTAIN HEAVY DUTY CLASS 8 TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH ARVINMERITOR AUTO SLACK ADJUSTERS, FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS NO. 121, "AIR BRAKE SYSTEMS." THE AUTO SLACK ADJUSTERS MAY NOT PROPERLY ADJUSTS.

Consequence:

THIS MAY RESULT IN A REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF THE AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT FUNCTION. ANYTIME VEHICLE CONTROL IS COMPROMISED A CRASH MAY OCCUR WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING.

Remedy:

VEHICLES WILL BE INSPECTED AND THE SLACK ADJUSTERS REPLACED IF NECESSARY. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT ARVINMERITOR AT 1-866-668-7221 OR AUTOCAR AT 765-489-5499.

Notes:

AUTOCAR RECALL NO. A-0503. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

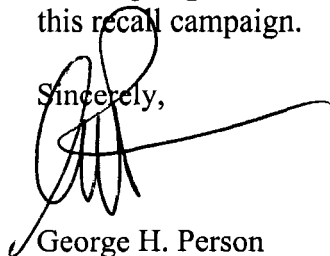
Please inform us of who will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. Also provide us with the ending build dates of vehicles affected by this recall.

If you are handling the owner notification, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division