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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

March 31, 2005

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NVS-215
05V-111

Subject: FXL AXLE DUST SHIELD BOLT INTERFERENCE

Dear MR. LAFON:

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:

MACK/CHN/2004-2005
MACK/CXN/2004-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-111

Recall Date: March 18, 2005

Components:

POWER TRAIN:AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 424

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS, THERE MAY BE INTERFERENCE BETWEEN THE DUST SHIELD MOUNTING BOLT AND THE KNUCKLE ON THE FRONT AXLE. AS A RESULT OF THE INTERFERENCE, THE BOLT JOINT BETWEEN THE WHEEL END AND THE KNUCKLE MAY NOT MEET THE TORQUE REQUIREMENTS.

Consequence:

THIS COULD RESULT IN VIBRATION OR BRAKE PERFORMANCE ISSUES. BRAKING CAPABILITY WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REMOVE THE HUB AND BRAKE ASSEMBLY TO INSTALL A NEW DUST SHIELD. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON APRIL 25, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT MACK TRUCKS 610-709-2131.

Notes:

MACK TRUCKS RECALL NO. SC0293. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

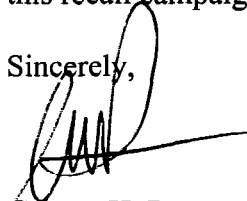
Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

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).

As stated in Part 573.7, 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 on April 18, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2005.

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,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division