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NVS-215
05V-117

Subject: ALUMINUM WHEELS/ACCURIDE

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-117

Recall Date: March 23, 2005

Components:

WHEELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 56

Summary:

ON CERTAIN HEAVY-DUTY, CLASS 8 TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH ACCURIDE ALUMINUM WHEELS, PART NO. 29644ANP, SIZE 22.5 X 8.25, THE WHEELS WERE NOT PROPERLY PRE-STRESSED.

Consequence:

WHEELS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PROPERLY PRE-STRESSED COULD, OVER TIME, DEVELOP CRACKS IN THE WHEEL THAT COULD RESULT IN A WHEEL FAILURE AND RESULT IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND/OR REPLACE THE VEHICLE'S RIMS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH OR APRIL 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT AUTOCAR AT 1-877-973-3486, EXTENSION 2572.

Notes:

AUTOCAR RECALL NO. A-0504. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

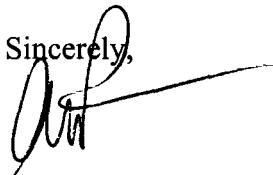
Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

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, owner notification is expected to begin during March or April 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