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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215
05V-244

Subject: LICENSE PLATE LAMP/FMVSS 108

Dear MR. BRAUER:

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:

HACKNEY/TRUCK BODY/2004-2005
HACKNEY/TRAILER/2004-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-244

Recall Date: May 18, 2005

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 329

Summary:

CERTAIN TRUCK BODIES AND TRAILERS FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 108, 'LAMPS, REFLECTIVE DEVICES, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT.' THE LIGHT PROJECTION FROM THE LICENSE PLATE LAMP DOES NOT MEET THE STANDARD REQUIREMENTS.

Consequence:

THE LICENSE PLATE WILL NOT BE PROPERLY ILLUMINATED.

Remedy:

OWNERS WILL BE ASKED TO SEE IF THE SIDE OF THE LICENSE PLATE LAMP FACING THE REAR IS UNPAINTED. IF THE SIDE IS UNPAINTED, HACKNEY WILL FURNISH A REPLACEMENT LICENSE PLATE LAMP AND WILL REIMBURSE THE OWNER A FIXED AMOUNT FOR INSTALLATION LABOR. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON JUNE 27, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT HACKNEY AT 1-252-946-6521.

Notes:

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.

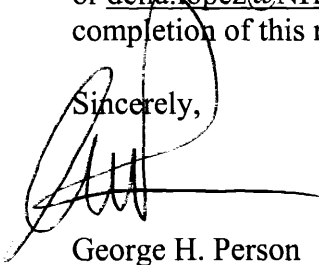
Please provide us with the model names of the vehicles involved. Also are the vehicles involved model year 2004-2005 or just 2005??

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, owner notification is expected to begin during June 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
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Enforcement