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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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HINO MOTORS SALES U.S.A., INC.
25 CORPORATE DRIVE
ORANGEBURG NY 10962

NVS-215
05V-492

Subject: BATTERY BOX MOUNTING

Dear MR. LANNON:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect 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:

HINO/NA6J/2006
HINO/NB6J/2006
HINO/NC6J/2006
HINO/ND8J/2006
HINO/NE8J/2006
HINO/NJ8J/2006
HINO/NV8J/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-492

Mfg's Report Date: October 17, 2005

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 577

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS, THE BOLTS THAT HOLD THE BATTERY BOX AND BRACKET IN PLACE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PROPERLY TORQUED AT THE TIME OF ASSEMBLY.

Consequence:

THE BATTERY BOX COULD BECOME LOOSE AND POSSIBLY FALL RESULTING IN A CRASH WITHOUT WARNING.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND RETORQUED ALL BOLTS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OCTOBER 27, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT HINO AT 248-648-6430.

Notes:

HINO RECALL NO. M0040. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

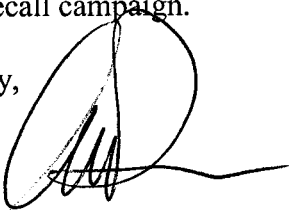
Please provide the date of when the manufacturer became aware of the recall.

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 on October 27, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2006.

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
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement