



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

*November 3, 2005*

DENNIS JOHNSTON  
MANAGER, PRODUCT COMPLIANCE  
LAND ROVER  
555 MACARTHUR BLVD  
MAHWAH NJ 07430

NVS-215  
05V-501

Subject: SECOND ROW SEAT BELT BUCKLE MOUNTING

Dear MR. JOHNSTON:

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:**

LAND ROVER/LR3/2006  
LAND ROVER/RANGE ROVER SPORT/2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-501

**Mfg's Report Date:** October 28, 2005

**Components:** SEAT BELTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 548

**Summary:**

CERTAIN SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES MAY HAVE BEEN BUILT WITH INCORRECTLY MANUFACTURED SEAT BELT BUCKLE MOUNTINGS.

**Consequence:**

WHILE THE REAR LEFT HAND SECOND ROW SEAT BELT IS USED, THE BUCKLE MAY NOT BE FULLY RETAINED. A SEAT OCCUPANT MAY NOT BE PROPERLY RESTRAINED INCREASING THE RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE THE SECOND ROW LEFT HAND SEAT BELT BUCKLE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 30, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT LAND ROVER AT 1-800-637-6837.

**Notes:**

LAND ROVER RECALL NO. B021. 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:

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 November 30, 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](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

*for Patricia Wallace*

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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement