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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

November 3, 2005

DENNIS JOHNSTON MANAGER, PRODUCT COMPLIANCE LAND ROVER 555 MACARTHUR BLVD MAHWAH NJ 07430 NVS-215 05V-502

Subject: AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION INCORRECTLY MANUFACTURED

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/2006 LAND ROVER/RANGE ROVER SPORT/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-502 Mfg's Report Date: October 28, 2005

**Components:** POWER TRAIN:AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,949

## **Summary:**

CERTAIN SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES MAY HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED WITH AN INCORRECTLY MANUFACTURED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION PARKING PAWL GUIDE PLATE.

# **Consequence:**

CONSEQUENTLY PARK MAY NOT ENGAGE WHEN THE LEVER IN THE VEHICLE IS MOVED TO PARK AND ALL INDICATORS SHOW PARK POSITION IS ACHIEVED. IF THE VEHICLE WAS PARKED ON AN INCLINE, AND THE PARKING BRAKE WAS NOT ENGAGED, THIS COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE ROLL-AWAY CONDITION, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

## Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE PARKING PAWL GUIDE PLATE. 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. B023. 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.

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 <a href="mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov">patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov</a> or <a href="mailto:delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov">delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov</a>. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely, Patricia Wallace

George H. Person

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

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