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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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KENNETH BUSH AMERICAN SUZUKI MOTOR CORP. 3251 E. IMPERIAL HIGHWAY P.O. BOX 1100 BREA CA 92622-1100 NVS-215 05V-507

Subject: POWER STEERING PUMP

Dear MR. BUSH:

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: SUZUKI/VERONA/2005-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-507 Mfg's Report Date: November 02, 2005

Components: STEERING:HYDRAULIC POWER ASSIST:PUMP

Potential Number of Units Affected: 592

Summary:

ON CERTAIN PASSENGER VEHICLES, THE POWER STEERING PUMP PULLEY MAY SEPARATE FROM THE POWER STEERING PUMP DUE TO INADEQUATE WALL THICKNESS OF THE PULLEY.

Consequence:

THIS CONDITION CAN CAUSE THE POWER STEERING PUMP DRIVE BELT TO DISCONNECT RESULTING IN HEAVY STEERING, AND CAN LEAD TO ENGINE OVERHEATING OR TO BATTERY DISCHARGE AND ENGINE STALL.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE POWER STEERING PUMP PULLEY AND REPLACE IT. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 30, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT SUZUKI AT 1-800-934-0934.

Notes:

SUZUKI RECALL NO. KJ. 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 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.

George H. Person

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

Enforcement

Sincerely.