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NVS-215
05V-513

Subject: AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION INCORRECTLY MANUFACTURED

Dear MR. BAKER:

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:
ASTON/DB9/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-513

Mfg's Report Date: November 07, 2005

Components: POWER TRAIN:AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 67

Summary:

ON CERTAIN PASSENGER VEHICLES, WHEN A LOAD IS APPLIED ON THE PARKING INTERLOCK SYSTEM, THE LOCKING CONE, WHICH IS PART OF THE PARKING PAWL SYSTEM, MAY CREATE AN INDENTATION ON AN UNHARDENED GUIDE PLATE AT THE CONE CONTACT AREA. AN INDENTATION MAY ALSO RESULT IN A RAISED EDGE TOWARDS THE LOCKING CONE GUIDE CHANNEL WHICH MAY HINDER THE LOCKING CONE FROM REACHING ITS END POSITION.

Consequence:

THE PARK MAY NOT ENGAGE WHEN THE "P" BUTTON IN THE VEHICLE IS PRESSED TO SELECT PARK AND ALL INDICATORS SHOW THE PARK POSITION IS ACHIEVED. THIS COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE ROLL-AWAY CONDITION, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE PARKING PAWL GLIDE PLATE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 14, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT ASTON MARTIN AT 201-818-8328.

Notes:

ASTON MARTIN RECALL NO. SAR011. 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:

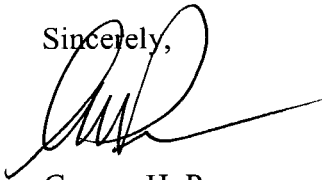
Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

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 14, 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
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Enforcement