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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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REGULATORY COMPLIANCE ADMINISTRATOR
MACK TRUCKS, INC
PO BOX 26115
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NVS-215
05V-524

Subject: FUEL TANK MOUNTING

Dear MR. LAFON:

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:

MACK/LE/2004-2006
MACK/MR/2004-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-524

Mfg's Report Date: November 10, 2005

Components: FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:STORAGE:TANK ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4,482

Summary:

ON CERTAIN HEAVY DUTY TRUCKS, THE BOLTS ATTACHING THE FUEL TANK MOUNTING BRACKETS TO THE FRAME MAY HAVE INSUFFICIENT TORQUE AND THEREFORE MAY RESULT IN PREMATURE FAILURE OF THE FUEL TANK MOUNTING.

Consequence:

IF THE FUEL TANK FALLS, THERE IS THE POTENTIAL FOR THE TANK TO IGNITE, RESULTING IN PERSONAL INJURY, VEHICLE AND PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE THE FUEL TANK BRACKET MOUNTING BOLTS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 3, 2006. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT MACK TRUCKS AT 1-800-528-6586.

Notes:

MACK RECALL NO. SC0309. 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.

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 January 3, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 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