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OFFICE OF  
DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

November 14, 2005

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re.: Submission of Part 573 report for 2006 model year Mazda Tribute vehicles and B-Series Trucks

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports," Mazda North American Operations (MNAO), on behalf of Mazda Motor Corporation of Hiroshima, Japan (Mazda), submits the following information concerning a safety defect on the 2006 model year Mazda Tribute vehicles and B-Series Trucks.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(1):

Mazda Motor Corporation with Designated Agent:

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Sec. 573.6 (c)(2):

Some 2006 model year model year Mazda Tribute vehicles built at the Ford Kansas City Assembly Plant between August 29, 2005 and October 17, 2005 with the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) range between 4F2YZ\*\*\*\*6KM12030 and 4F2YZ\*\*\*\*6KM17811, and between 4F2CZ\*\*\*\*6KM12046 and 4F2CZ\*\*\*\*6KM17775 are potentially affected.  
Some 2006 model year model year Mazda B-Series Trucks built at the Ford Twin Cities Assembly Plant between August 29, 2005 and October 17, 2005 with the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) range between 4F4YR\*\*\*\*6PM00810 and 4F4YR\*\*\*\*6PM02512, and between 4F4ZR\*\*\*\*6PM00633 and 4F4ZR\*\*\*\*6PM02164 are potentially affected.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(3):

3,532 vehicles for Tribute  
450 vehicles for B-Series

Sec. 573.6 (c)(4):

Unknown.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(5):

Windshield wiper motors may have been produced without grease applied to the output shaft gear. After a period of continuous use on the high-speed setting, lack of grease on the output shaft gear may cause the gear teeth to distort and/or fracture during operation resulting in the loss of wiper function. Mazda has not identified any field reports for this condition as of October 28, 2005.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(6):

On November 2, 2005, Mazda was notified by Ford that the affected vehicles may have been produced with potentially defective windshield wiper motors. As a result of Mazda's verification that this problem did in fact potentially exist on the affected Mazda vehicles, on November 7, 2005, Mazda determined to conduct a recall campaign for certain 2006 model year Tributes and B-Series trucks.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(7):

Not Applicable

Sec. 573.6 (c)(8):

Owners of record will be notified of the defect by first class mail during November 2005 and will be instructed to return their vehicle from Mazda dealer for repairs. Repairs will be performed at no cost to the vehicle owner.

Mazda dealers will be notified of this recall on November 16, 2005.

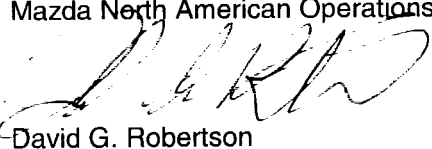
A copy of the reimbursement plan to be sent to owners and dealers as an attachment to the owner notification letter will be provided for review and approval as soon as it is available. With respect to reimbursement, customers will be reimbursed based on the submission of a receipt indicating the amount paid by the customer to remedy this defect.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(9) & (10):

A copy of the notification letter to be sent to owners will be provided for review and approval as soon as it is available.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(11):

Mazda has assigned recall number 3705K to this action.

Sincerely yours,  
Mazda North American Operations  
  
David G. Robertson  
Manager,  
Environmental & Safety Engineering