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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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AUBURN HILLS MI 48326

NVS-215
05V-546

Subject: FRONT SUSPENSION LOWER BALL JOINT NUT

Dear MR. WORRALL:

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:

BENTLEY/ARNAGE R/2005
BENTLEY/ARNAGE RL/2005
BENTLEY/ARNAGE T/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-546

Mfg's Report Date: November 21, 2005

Components: SUSPENSION:FRONT:CONTROL ARM:LOWER BALL JOINT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 80

Summary:

ON CERTAIN PASSENGER VEHICLES, DUE TO THE USE OF A NON SELF-LOCKING NUT, THE FRONT SUSPENSION LOWER BALL JOINT CAN BECOME DISCONNECTED.

Consequence:

THIS CONDITION COULD LEAD TO LOSS OF DIRECTIONAL CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE, WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE BOTH FRONT SUSPENSION LOWER BALL JOINT SECURING NUTS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING DECEMBER 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT BENTLEY AT 1-800-777-6923.

Notes:

BENTLEY RECALL NO. RE05/04. 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).

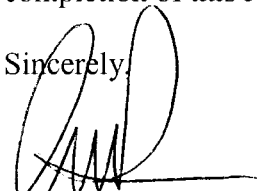
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

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 December 5, 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
Chief, Recall Management Division
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Enforcement