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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

November 21, 2005

Mr. Daniel Smith  
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**Subject: Notification of Recall Pursuant to 49 CFR 573 (2005)  
2004-2005 Model Year Bentley Arnage**

Dear Mr. Smith

This information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations [49 CFR 573 (2005)].

573.6 (c) (1) **Manufacturer's Name**  
Bentley Motors Limited

**Importer**  
Bentley Motors, Inc.

573.6 (c) (2) **Identification of Vehicles**

Make : Bentley

Line : Arnage R, RL and T

Model Years : 2005

Month/Year  
of Manufacture : June 2004 to February 2005

VIN Numbers  
of Affected  
Vehicles : in the range from SCBLC37F25CX10235 to SCBLE37G85CX19346

Other  
Identification : None

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573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**  
80 in the USA

573.6 (c) (4) **Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing Defect**  
Cannot be determined. This is a corrective action following the discovery of a component that did not conform to design specifications.

573.6 (c) (5) **Description of Noncompliance/Defect**  
On the vehicles affected, due to the fitment of a nut without the specified self-locking feature, the potential exists for the front suspension lower ball joint to become disconnected. This could lead to loss of directional control of the car, however this condition **has not** been witnessed by the Bentley Motors Limited or any dealer. In addition, sixteen nuts were supplied to dealers as an aftermarket replacement. Dealers will provide Bentley Motors Inc. with a list of these affected vehicles for remedial action. Affected customers will receive notifications as described below.

573.6 (c) (6) **Basis for Determination**  
The use of the incorrect nut in a limited VIN range was identified during the normal quality check process. It was corrected by fitting parts correct to specification.

573.6 (c) (7) **Noncompliance Test Result**  
Not applicable

573.6 (c) (8) **Proposed Remedial Program**  
Bentley Motors, Inc. will inform its authorized dealers to replace both front suspension lower ball joint securing nuts on all affected vehicles. Notification dates are anticipated as follows:  
Dealers: On or about 28<sup>th</sup> November 2005  
Owners: On or about 5<sup>th</sup> December 2005

573.6 (c) (9) **Submission of Communications**  
A representative copy of all bulletins and other communications sent to dealers and owners will be submitted within five (5) days of dealer/owner notification.

573.6 (c) (10) **Proposed Owner Letter**  
A proposed owner notification letter will be submitted to you within the next few weeks for your review.

573.6 (c) (11) **Manufacturer's Recall Code**  
Bentley has assigned the code "RE05/04" to this recall.

Sincerely,



Stephen Worrall  
Fixed Operations Manager