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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
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Washington, DC 20590

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Jo Theart
Engineering Compliance
Autocar, LLC
5515 S. Washington Street, P.O. Box 190
Hagerstown, IN 47346

NVS-215kjs

Dear Mr. Theart:

Autocar, LLC (Autocar) is requested, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30166, and 30119, to renotify owners involved in safety recall 05V-295 who have not had their vehicles corrected or otherwise accounted for. This recall involves 649 MY 2003-2005 heavy duty class 8 trucks. The backup alarm motion sensor may not have been installed correctly and may not sense when the vehicle moves backwards under any circumstances. The remedy for this recall campaign is to reposition the motion sensor in relation to the magnets that rotate when the vehicle moves. Through the second quarter of 2006, Autocar's fifth reporting quarter, Autocar reports that of the 649 vehicles involved, 314 have been remedied, resulting in a completion rate of 48.4 percent.

Autocar should conduct the owner renotification in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

- Before conducting the owner renotification, Autocar should obtain an updated owner list, for this recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.
- Autocar's proposed owner renotification letter for this recall must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.10, "Follow-up Notification," and must be submitted to NHTSA for review before owner renotification begins. Part 577.10(e)(1) specifically requires that the renotification letter be identified as a "... follow-up to an earlier communication."
- In addition to the six quarterly status reports required under 49 CFR Part 573.6, "Quarterly Reports," Autocar is requested to file three additional quarterly status reports.

- Furnish a proposed schedule for conducting the owner renotification that includes the following information:
 - a. the date on which the search of current state motor vehicle registration records will be initiated in order to update the original owner list;
 - b. the approximate date on which the revised owner list will be available to initiate owner renotification;
 - c. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will begin; and
 - d. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will be completed (if the owner renotification is to be staggered, give the beginning and ending owner renotification date for each segment).

Autocar's renotification schedule and a draft of the proposed owner renotification letter must be submitted to this office by August 30, 2006.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Kelly Schuler of my staff at (202) 366-5227, by fax at (202) 366-7882, or by e-mail at kschuler@nhtsa.dot.gov.

Sincerely,



George Person, Chief
Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement