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NVS-215  
06V-099

Subject: STEERING SHAFT

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 information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

VOLVO/VHD/2007  
VOLVO/VN/2007  
VOLVO/VT/2007

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 06V-099

**Mfg. Report Date:** March 31, 2006

**Components:** STEERING: GEAR BOX: SHAFT SECTOR

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,011

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN HEAVY DUTY CLASS 8 TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH DANA STEERING SHAFTS, THERE IS A POTENTIAL THAT THE STEERING SHAFT PINCH BOLT HOLE MAY BE INCORRECTLY LOCATED. THE PINCH BOLT FITS INTO A GROOVE IN THE STEERING GEAR INPUT SHAFT TO ENSURE THAT THE STEERING SHAFT DOES NOT SEPARATE FROM THE STEERING GEAR IF THE PINCH BOLT COMES LOOSE.

**Consequence:**

THIS COULD POTENTIALLY LEAD TO STEERING SHAFT SEPARATION RESULTING IN LOSS OF CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE IF THE PINCH BOLT WERE TO COME LOOSE INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE STEERING SHAFT AND REPLACE IT AS REQUIRED FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON MAY 30, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT VOLVO TRUCKS AT 1-800-528-6586.

**Notes:**

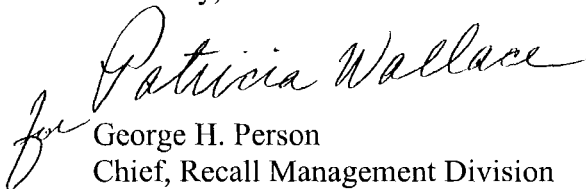
VOLVO TRUCKS RECALL NO. RVXX0602. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

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 required 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 May 30, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before July 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](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

 *Patricia Wallace*

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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement