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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

*April 28, 2006*

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NVS-215  
06V-143

Subject: SUSPENSION/KINGPIN FRACTURES/WHEEL SEPARATION

Dear MR. WALLACE:

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:**

FERRARA/IGNITER/2003-2005  
FERRARA/INFERNO/2003-2005

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 06V-143

**Mfg's Report Date:** February 3, 2006

**Components:** SUSPENSION:FRONT:KING PIN

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 12

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN FIRE TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH CERTAIN NMB-MINEBEA KINGPIN BALLPIN SUSPENSION ASSEMBLIES, THE KINGPIN BALLPIN ASSEMBLY CAN FRACTURE POSSIBLY ALLOWING THE ASSOCIATED WHEEL TO DISENGAGE FROM PART OF THE SUSPENSION.

**Consequence:**

WHEEL SEPARATION WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN USE COULD LEAD TO A VEHICLE CRASH.

**Remedy:**

FERRARA HAS REPLACED THE KING PINS ON ALL TWELVE FIRE TRUCKS. NO FURTHER ACTION IS NECESSARY.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

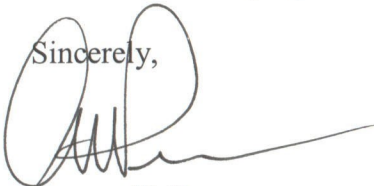
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

As stated in your report, all vehicles have been repaired.

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).

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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