



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

*May 18, 2006*

GEORGE DANIELS  
SENIOR NATIONAL MANAGER,  
SERVICE OPERATIONS  
HINO MOTORS SALES U.S.A., INC.  
2555 TELEGRAPH ROAD  
BLOOMFIELD HILLS MI 48302-0954

NVS-215  
06V-169

Subject: STEERING ARM

Dear MR. DANIELS:

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:**

HINO/NA6J/2005-2007  
HINO/NB6J/2005-2007  
HINO/NC6J/2005-2007  
HINO/ND6J/2005-2007  
HINO/NE8J/2005-2007  
HINO/NJ8J/2005-2007  
HINO/NV8J/2005-2007

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 06V-169

Mfg's Report Date: May 12, 2006

**Components:** STEERING:LINKAGES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 5,072

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS, DURING ASSEMBLY, THE DRAGLINK ATTACHMENT NUTS AT THE PITMAN ARM AND STEERING ARM MAY HAVE BEEN INCORRECTLY TORQUED. RESIDUAL GREASE AND PAINT WHICH WAS APPLIED AS A RUST INHIBITOR ON THE STEERING ARM MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO A LOSS OF TORQUE AFTER ASSEMBLY.

**Consequence:**

INCREASED WEAR FOR THE DRAGLINK CONNECTIONS CAN OCCUR CREATING A NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF STEERING WHEEL FREE PLAY. IF THIS CONDITION WAS IGNORED, A LOSS OF STEERING CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE MAY OCCUR WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE STEERING ARM TIGHTNESS AND REMOVE ALL GREASE AND PAINT FROM THE STEERING ARMS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON MAY 29, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HINO AT 1-248-648-6430.

**Notes:**

HINO RECALL NO. M0050. 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).


Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 during May 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,

*for* 

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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement