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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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8500 PALMETTO COMMERCE PARKWAY
LADSON SC 29456

NVS-215
06V-204

Subject: ENGINE FAILURE/CUMMINS

Dear MR. GORNICK:

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:
AMERICAN LAFRANCE/FIRE TRUCK/2005-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-204

Mfg's Report Date: May 26, 2006

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 22

Summary:

ON CERTAIN FIRE TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH CUMMINS ISL CM850 DIESEL ENGINES, THE CONNECTING RODS WHICH TRANSFER ENERGY FROM THE PISTON TO THE CRANKSHAFT ARE DEFECTIVE AND CAN RESULT IN SEIZURE OF THE PISTON PIN. A PISTON PIN SEIZURE CAN RESULT IN A MISSION-DISABLING ENGINE FAILURE.

Consequence:

THIS CONDITION COULD ULTIMATELY RESULT IN A LOSS OF VEHICLE POWER (ENGINE STALL) INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

AMERICAN LAFRANCE DELIVERED ONE VEHICLE TO A CUSTOMER WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN REPAIRED. ALL OTHER VEHICLES ARE STILL AT THE AMERICAN LAFRANCE MANUFACTURING FACILITY.

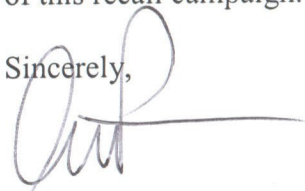
Notes:

AMERICAN LAFRANCE RECALL NO. ALF-0206. 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).

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 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 or delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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