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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
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WAKARUSA IN 46573-0585

NVS-215
06V-268

Subject: CARGO LIGHT SWITCH WIRING HARNESS

Dear MR. STEFFENSON:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect (or noncompliance) 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:

UTILIMASTER/TRADEMASTER/2005-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-268

Mfg's Report Date: July 7, 2006

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:WIRING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 11

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRUCK BODIES BUILT ON FORD LCF CAB CHASSIS, THE WIRING HARNESS (CONSISTING OF WIRES AND SPLIT CONDUIT) TO THE CARGO LIGHT SWITCH LOCATED ON THE DASH MAY BE INCORRECTLY ROUTED. THE HARNESS, IF SECURED TO THE STEERING SHAFT, COULD POSSIBLY LEAD TO WIRING ENTANGLEMENT AT THE GEARBOX UNIVERSAL JOINT.

Consequence:

THIS COULD RESULT IN ADDITIONAL EFFORT TO TURN THE STEERING WHEEL WITH REDUCED VEHICLE CONTROL INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REROUTE THE WIRING HARNESS TO THE CARGO LIGHT SWITCH AWAY FROM THE STEERING COLUMN SHAFT. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JULY 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT UTILIMASTER AT 1-800-237-7806.

Notes:

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).

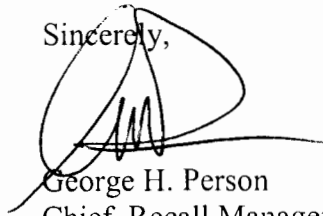
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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).

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 July 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before October 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 or 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 large, stylized loop at the end.

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

cc: Lawrence F. Henneberger
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