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of Transportation

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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

*October 18, 2006*

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2555 TELEGRAPH ROAD  
BLOOMFIELD HILLS MI 48302

NVS-215  
06V-360

Subject: LOOSE AIR BRAKE LINES

Dear MR. LANNON:

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/ND8J/2006-2007  
HINO/NE8J/2006-2007  
HINO/NJ8J/2006-2007  
HINO/NV8J/2006-2007

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 06V-360

**Mfg's Report Date:** September 15, 2006

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:SUPPLY:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 746

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN CAB AND CHASSIS TRUCKS THAT WERE TRANSPORTED TO THE SELLING LOCATION OR BODY COMPANY USING A DECKING SYSTEM (VEHICLES STACKED ON THE REAR OF THE LEAD TRUCK FOR TRANSPORT), THE AIR BRAKE LINES MAY BE DISCONNECTED SO THAT THE BRAKING SYSTEMS CAN BE TIED TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER VEHICLES. WHEN THESE VEHICLES ARRIVE AT THEIR DESTINATION, THE AIR BRAKE LINES ARE RECONNECTED. THESE RECONNECTIONS WERE NOT ALWAYS BEING TIGHTENED TO THE PROPER TORQUE. ALSO, DURING THIS RECONNECTION PROCESS, SOME OF THE ABS WIRING CLIPS HAD BEEN REMOVED AND NOT REINSTALLED.

**Consequence:**

LOOSE AIR BRAKE LINES CAN BECOME DISCONNECTED OR LEAK WHICH COULD CAUSE A DECREASE IN BRAKING ABILITY OR RESULTING IN APPLICATION OF THE PARKING BRAKE WITHOUT IT BEING ACTIVATED. THIS COULD RESULT IN A CRASH. ALSO IF THE DRIVE SHAFT BOLTS ARE LEFT LOOSE, THE DRIVE SHAFT COULD BECOME DISENGAGED MAKING THE VEHICLE IMMOVABLE. IF THE ABS SENSORS ARE NOT SECURED PROPERLY USING THE CORRECT CLIPS, THE ABS SENSORS COULD GO OUT OF ALIGNMENT.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE AIR BRAKE LINES, DRIVE SHAFT BOLTS AND ABS SENSOR CLIPS AND TIGHTEN AND REPAIR IF NECESSARY. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OCTOBER 1, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HINO AT 1-248-648-6430.

**Notes:**

HINO RECALL NO. HS001. 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).

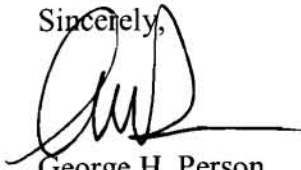
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 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 October 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before January 30, 2007.

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@dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@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 horizontal line extending to the right.

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