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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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PRODUCT SAFETY MANAGER
OSHKOSH TRUCK CORPORATION
2307 OREGON STREET
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NVS-215
06V-390

Subject: TORQUE ROD TOWER/ARVINMERITOR

Dear MR. PETERSON:

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:
OSHKOSH/S-SERIES/2005-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-390

Mfg's Report Date: October 3, 2006

Components: POWER TRAIN:DRIVELINE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 628

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH ARVINMERITOR AXLE ASSEMBLIES, THE TORQUE ROD TOWER HAS A NONCONFORMING LOCATION AND WELD. THE WELD CAN CRACK, LEADING TO THE TANDEM AXLE LOSING ITS ANCHOR POINT, CAUSING THE DRIVELINE TO BEND TO AN ANGLE OUTSIDE ITS OPERATING PERIMETERS.

Consequence:

IN TURN, THIS CAN RESULT IN THE DRIVELINE BREAKING OR FORCING THE ENGINE TO STOP. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE FOR THE TANDEM AXLE TO DROP TO THE GROUND AND TURN UNDER THE VEHICLE CREATING A CONDITION THAT MIGHT INCLUDE LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE TORQUE TOWERS ON THE REAR TANDEM AND, IF CRACKS ARE FOUND, THE TORQUE TOWER WILL BE REWELDED ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS. UNTIL THE TORQUE TOWER IS REWELDED, OWNERS SHOULD INSPECT FOR CRACKS AT THE BASE OF THE TORQUE TOWERS ON THE REAR TANDEM ON A WEEKLY BASIS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 3, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT OSHKOSH AT 1-920-235-9151.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN 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:

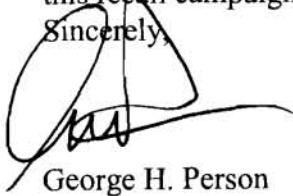
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification 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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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 on or before November 3, 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 or 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 large, loopy initial 'G' and a horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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