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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215
06V-415

Subject: HOPPER TILT CYLINDER ATTACHMENT POINTS CRACK

Dear Mr. Mone:

This letter is to acknowledge the recent defect information report submitted on behalf of your client, Elgin Sweeper Company. 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:

ELGIN/ROAD WIZARD/2005-2006
WITTKE/ROAD WIZARD/1999-2004

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-415

Mfg's Report Date: October 26, 2006

Components: STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 263

Summary:

ON CERTAIN STREET SWEEPERS, THE HOPPER PIVOT HINGES OR HOPPER DUMP CYLINDER MOUNTS COULD CRACK OR SEPARATE RESULTING IN STRUCTURAL FAILURE.

Consequence:

THIS COULD RESULT IN DEATH OR SEVERE INJURY TO PEOPLE ON OR NEAR THE VEHICLE, AS WELL AS PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Remedy:

ELGIN SWEEPER WILL INSTALL REDESIGNED PIVOT AND DUMP WELD ATTACHMENTS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 9, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT ELGIN AT 1-877-342-5374.

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).

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577.

The first sentence of your letter should read: "This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act."

The second paragraph should begin with: "Elgin Sweeper Company has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Road Wizard Street Sweepers manufactured by Wittke and Elgin Sweeper from 1999 through September 2006."

Under "Purpose," it should read: "A safety recall has been issued for Road Wizard Street Sweepers."

The following paragraphs will need to be added to your owner letter:

Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If you had this repair performed before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information contact Elgin Sweeper Service Department at 1-847-741-5370.

We regret any inconvenience that this action may cause you. However, we are concerned about your safety. If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236; (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

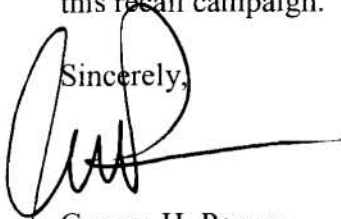
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 November 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 long horizontal line extending to the right.

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

cc: William Byrnes
Elgin Sweeper Company