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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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25 CORPORATE DRIVE
ORANGEBURG NY 10962

NVS-215paw
06V-483

Subject: CROSSMEMBER DEFORMATION

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-483

Mfg's Report Date: December 4, 2006

Components: STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,599

Summary:

ON CERTAIN VEHICLES, DURING THE STAMPING PROCESS, SOME CROSSMEMBERS WERE MANUFACTURED WITH A DEFORMATION TO THE LOWER CORNERS DUE TO EXCESSIVE WEAR OF THE STAMPING DIE. OVER TIME, IF THIS CONDITION WERE IGNORED, THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF THE CROSSMEMBERS COULD BE COMPROMISED WHICH COULD RESULT IN A LOSS OF BRAKING ABILITY, SEPARATION OF THE PROPELLER SHAFT AND/OR A LOSS OF REAR WARNING LAMPS.

Consequence:

ANY OF THESE OCCURRENCES COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT, CORRECT, AND REPLACE THE CROSSMEMBERS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HINO AT 1-248-648-6400.

Notes:

HINO RECALL NO. M0070. 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 provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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,



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