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Subject: Jaguar Recall No. R722 – Certain 2006 Model Year – XJ Sedan Vehicles – Moonroof
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Summary

Jaguar Action – Jaguar is conducting a voluntary safety recall involving certain 2006 Model Year XJ sedan vehicles built at the Browns Lane (UK) and Castle Bromwich (UK) Assembly Plants from July 15, 2005 through December 19, 2005 to have the moonroof glass replaced.

Number of Vehicles Involved – 2675 vehicles in the United States and Federalized Territories.

- Affect on Vehicle Operation – It is possible on door closure, severe road impact or when operated that the moonroof glass may shatter. There have been no reports of any injuries related to this condition.

Service Program - The moonroof glass assembly will be replaced with a known good part.

Attached is the detailed information required by the applicable portions of 49 CFR Part 573 - Defect and Non-Compliance Information Report.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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49 CFR Part 573 - NON-COMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT
RECALL R722 – Certain 2006 Model Year – XJ Sedan Vehicles

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Jaguar submits the following information concerning a safety recall action that it is voluntarily initiating.

573.6 (c) (2) - Potentially Affected Vehicles

Certain 2006 Model Year XJ sedan vehicles fitted with a moonroof and built at the Browns Lane (UK) and Castle Bromwich (UK) Assembly Plants from July 15, 2005, through December 19, 2005 are potentially affected.

VIN Range

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573.6 (c) (3) – Estimated Population of Vehicles Potentially Affected

2675 vehicles in the United States and Federalized Territories.

573.6 (c) (4) - Estimated Percentage of Affected Vehicles with the Condition

Approximately 14% of the vehicles may contain the concern

573.6 (c) (5) – Description of the Defect

The moonroof assembly incorporates a reinforcement bar that has been incorrectly assembled such that the bar may contact the glass in the assembly and act as a stress riser. It is possible on door closure, severe road impact or when operated that the moonroof glass may shatter. The moonroof glass is tempered safety glass that is designed to fracture into small pieces that are less likely to cause lacerations.

573.6 (c) (6) – Chronology of Events

On December 5, 2005 a field report was received stating that when the moonroof was operated, a cracking noise was heard and the roof glass shattered. Investigations completed with the supplier on December 15, 2005, revealed that a batch of moonroofs was potentially manufactured away from the required specification. A Hold Shipment was issued at the plant preventing the onward shipment of vehicles within the plant control where supplier inspections were implemented. On the same date, a Vehicle Quarantine notice was issued for vehicles at the staging areas and at the ports to be inspected and repaired prior to release. The part supplier continued to inspect vehicles at ports of exit and U.S. ports of entry over the holiday period to better understand the scope of this issue.

The concern was reviewed on January 4, 2006, by the Jaguar Critical Concerns Review Group (CCRG) where it was recommended that the issue be reviewed by the Jaguar Technical Review Group.

The Jaguar Technical Review Group met to discuss this issue on January 10, 2006, where it was recommended that this issue be forwarded to the Jaguar Field Review Committee.

This issue was reviewed by the Jaguar Field Review Committee on January 13, 2006, where a Safety Recall was approved.

There have been no reports of any accidents, fires, or injuries as a result of this concern.

573.6 (c) (7) Case of Non-compliance

None.

573.6 (c) (8) Service Program

Vehicles will have the moonroof replaced with a known good part.

Jaguar plans a notification to dealers on January 26, 2006.

Customer notification will take place when adequate part stock is obtained, the date is TBD.

In accordance with Part 573.13(d)(1), Jaguar is excluding reimbursement for costs incurred by owners for repair of this problem because Jaguar's original new vehicle warranty program would provide for a free repair of this concern for any affected customers.

573.6 (c) (10 & 11) – Press statement and Dealer/Owner Letters

Jaguar does not plan to make a public statement concerning the subject matter of this action. A copy of the Notification letters to dealers and owners from Jaguar will be forwarded when available.

573.6 (c) (12) -- Recall Number

Jaguar has assigned recall number R722 to this action.