



Land Rover North America, Inc.

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Dear Mr. Smith

Subject: Land Rover United Kingdom (Land Rover) Recall Number B037 – Certain 2005 and 2006 Model Year LR3 and certain 2006 Model Year Range Rover Sport Vehicles - Revision

Summary

- Land Rover Action - Land Rover is conducting a voluntary compliance recall involving certain 2005 and 2006 Model Year LR3 and certain 2006 Model Year Range Rover Sport vehicles.
- Number of Vehicles Involved - Approximately 45,900 vehicles in the United States and Federalized Territories.
- Description of Non-Compliance – On the affected vehicles, when the ignition is switched off, after a period of time it is possible to remove the ignition key when the transmission shift lever is not in Park. As a result, these vehicles do not comply with FMVSS114 Section S4.2.1 (a) which requires the transmission shift lever to be in park for the key to be removed from the ignition.
- Service Program
Owners will be notified to return their vehicles to dealers to have the Driveline Control Transfer Box ECU reprogrammed with revised software. Dealers have been instructed to stop delivering the affected vehicles until that reprogramming has been completed.

Attached is the detailed information required by the applicable portions of 49 CFR Part 573 - Defect and Non-Compliance Information Report. Note: revised text has been underlined.

Sincerely,

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49 CFR Part 573 - NON-COMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT
RECALL B037 - 2005 -2006 Model Year LR3 and Range Rover Sport Vehicles

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Land Rover submits the following information concerning a potential noncompliance to the requirements of Section S4.2.1 (a) of FMVSS 114 for certain 2005 and 2006 Model Year LR3 and certain 2006 Model Year Range Rover Sport vehicles.

573.6 (c) (2) - Potentially Affected Vehicles

Certain 2005 -2006 Model Year LR3 and certain 2006 Model Year Range Rover Sport vehicles built from January 17th 2005 through to and including April 5th 2006 at the Solihull (United Kingdom) Assembly Plant are potentially affected.

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

Approximately 45,900 vehicles in the United States and Federalized Territories. An additional 1813 vehicles have been identified as potentially affected. These vehicles are outside the build range above, but have had control modules replaced or reprogrammed with software that may not be to the correct level.

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

100%

573.6 (c) (5) -- Description of Non-Compliance

On the affected vehicles, when the ignition is switched off, after a period of time it is possible to remove the ignition key when the transmission shift lever is not in Park. As a result, these vehicles do not comply with FMVSS114 Section S4.2.1 (a) which requires the transmission shift lever to be in park for the key to be removed from the ignition.

As of the date of this letter, there are no known accidents or injuries attributable to this condition.

573.6 (c) (7) -- Basis of Non-Compliance Determination

The condition was brought to Land Rover's attention by way of an Electronic Product Quality Report (EPQR) from Land Rovers National Sales Company in Ireland. It stated that the ignition key could be removed with the transmission shift lever is still in drive. An investigation was carried out by Land Rover Engineering to confirm the presence of the condition. Testing confirmed the condition was present in vehicles manufactured for sale in the United States.

573.6 (c) (8) Service Program

Land Rover has notified dealers (see attached) to hold affected vehicles until the Driveline Control Transfer Box ECU can be reprogrammed with revised software. The identification of affected vehicles was delayed by the process of determining which vehicles outside the original build range may have had control modules replaced or reprogrammed. This has resulted in a new notification schedule. Land Rover will notify owners of the affected vehicles on or about the week of June 26,

2006. The notification letters will include details for customers to contact their dealers and make arrangements for dealer installation of the software at no charge along with advising owners to ensure the shift lever is in Park before the ignition key is removed.

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

573.6 (c) (9) -- Press statement and Dealer/Owner Letters

Land Rover 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 Land Rover will be forwarded when available.

573.6 (c) (11) -- Recall Number

Land Rover has assigned Recall Number B037 to this action.