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Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

**Subject: Notification of Recall Pursuant to 49 CFR 573 (2006)
2004 Model Year Bentley Continental GT**

Dear Mr. Smith:

This information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR 573 (2006)).

573.6 (c) (1) Manufacturer's Name
Bentley Motors Limited

Importer
Bentley Motors, Inc.

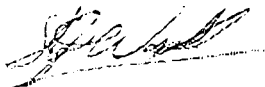
573.6 (c) (2) Identification of Vehicles
Make : Bentley
Line : Continental GT
Model Years : Model Year 2004
Month/Year
of Manufacture : February and March 2004
VIN Numbers : in the range from SCBCE63W04C020614 to SCBCR63W74C021182
of Affected
Vehicles
Other
Identification : None

- 573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**
81 in the USA
- 573.6 (c) (4) **Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing Defect**
Cannot be determined. This is a corrective action following the discovery of a component installation that did not conform to design specifications.
- 573.6 (c) (5) **Description of Noncompliance/Defect**
On vehicles affected there is the potential to for insufficient clearance between a brake pipe and an engine mounted hose clip, which could eventually result in failure of the brake pipe. This failure could result in an increased stopping distance under braking; also there is a risk of fire due to brake fluid escaping into the engine compartment. However neither of these conditions has been witnessed by or reported to Bentley Motors Limited, neither is Bentley otherwise aware of any accidents, fires or injuries related to this matter.
- 573.6 (c) (6) **Basis for Determination**
The potential defect was reported by a Bentley service technician who identified damage to the protective coating of the subject brake pipe. Subsequent investigation confirmed that contact could occur within extreme build tolerances. The range of affected vehicles has been determined to be all vehicles built with the original specification of brake pipe up to the cut off point for the fitting of a new brake pipe.
- 573.6 (c) (7) **Noncompliance Test Result**
Not applicable
- 573.6 (c) (8) **Proposed Remedial Program**
Bentley Motors, Inc. will inform its authorized dealers to inspect all affected vehicles to ascertain the clearance between the brake pipe and hose clip and carry out remedial work as required. If the pipe has not suffered material damage adjustments will be made if necessary to set the minimum clearance, where material damage has occurred the pipe will be replaced with the modified pipe, which eliminates the contact.

Notification dates are anticipated as follows:

Dealers: 1st September 2006
Owners: tba
- 573.6 (c) (9) **Submission of Communications**
A representative copy of all bulletins and other communications sent to dealers and owners will be submitted within five (5) days of dealer/owner notification.
- 573.6 (c) (10) **Proposed Owner Letter**
A proposed owner notification letter will be submitted to you within the next few weeks for your review.
- 573.6 (c) (11) **Manufacturer's Recall Code**
Bentley has assigned the code "RE06/02" to this recall.

Sincerely,



Stephen Worrall
Fixed Operations Manager