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Subject: FUEL TANKS

Dear MR. VONDALE:

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:

LAND ROVER/LR3/2005-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-011

Mfg's Report Date: January 4,2007

Components: FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE: STORAGE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 6,116

# **Summary:**

SOME SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES MAY HAVE FUEL TANKS THAT CONTAIN AN INTERNAL BREATHER PIPE THAT WAS NOT MADE TO SPECIFICATION. THIS COULD RESULT IN EXCESSIVE SWELLING AND CRACKING OF A GROMMET AND SUBSEQUENT DETACHMENT OF THE BREATHER PIPE FROM A CONNECTOR TUBE. WHEN THE FUEL LEVEL IN THE TANK IS ABOVE THE LEVEL OF THE DETACHED JOINT, FUEL MAY THEN ENTER THE BREATHER PIPE AND EXCESS FUEL MAY BE DISCHARGED ONTO THE GROUND.

### **Consequence:**

FUEL LEAKAGE IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

## **Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE FUEL TANKS. THE RECALL WAS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 29,2007. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT LAND ROVER AT 1-800-637-6837.

## Notes:

LAND ROVER RECALL NO P001. 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 <u>IITTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV.</u>

As per discussion with my staff, we are assigning this Part 573 supplemental notification with a new recall number since the previous campaign had begun in 2005. Therefore, 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 was expected to begin on January 29, 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before April 30, 2007.

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).

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 <u>patricia.wallace@.dot.gov</u> or <u>dclia.lopc7(iil.dot.gov</u>. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincere

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