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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215paw
07V-168

Subject: BRAKE LINE ROUTING

Dear MR. EATON:

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:

VMI/FORD FREESTAR CONVERSION/2004-2006
VMI/SUMMIT/2004-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-168

Mfg's Report Date: March 23, 2007

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:FOUNDATION COMPONENTS:HOSES, LINES/PIPING,
AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 742

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MINIVAN CONVERSIONS, THE BRAKE LINES MAY HAVE BEEN
ROUTED INCORRECTLY. THE BRAKE LINES CAN MAKE CONTACT AND CHAFE ON
THE STABILIZER BAR.

Consequence:

IF THIS HAPPENS, THE LINES COULD WEAR THROUGH CAUSING PARTIAL OR FULL LOSS OF BRAKING ABILITY DUE TO A LOSS OF BRAKE FLUID WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE BRAKE LINES TO MAKE SURE THE ROUTING IS CORRECT. IF NO CHAFING IS FOUND, THE BRAKE LINES WILL BE SECURED TO THE VEHICLE CHASSIS. IF THE BRAKE LINES ARE WORN, THE LINES WILL BE REPLACED. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING APRIL 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT VMI AT 1-800-348-8267.

Notes:

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).

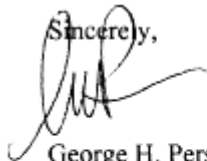
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

As stated in Part 573.7, 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 is expected to begin during April 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before July 30, 2007.

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