



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215paw
07V-208

Subject: AUTO TENSIONER

Dear MR. DANIELS:

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:

HINO/ND8J/2005-2007
HINO/NE8J/2005-2007
HINO/NJ8J/2005-2007
HINO/NV8J/2005-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-208

Mfg's Report Date: April 25, 2007

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 14,588

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH BANDO BELT TENSIONERS, CORROSION OR RUST MAY DEVELOP ON THE TENSIONER SPINDLE OR BUSHING CAUSING THE AUTO TENSIONER TO BECOME STIFF OR BIND. THIS CAN CAUSE THE DRIVE BELT TO SUDDENLY COME OFF OR THE AUTO TENSIONER MOUNTING BOLTS COULD SUDDENLY BREAK.

Consequence:

IF THE DRIVE BELT COMES OFF, THE ALTERNATOR WARNING LAMP WILL ILLUMINATE. IF THE WARNING IS IGNORED, THIS CONDITION COULD ULTIMATELY RESULT IN A LOSS OF VEHICLE POWER (ENGINE STALL) INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE AUTO TENSIONER, INSTALL UPGRADED MOUNTING BOLTS, AND REPLACE THE ACCESSORY DRIVE BELT FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JUNE 15, 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HINO MOTORS AT 248-648-6430. NOTE: THIS RECALL SUPERSEDES A PREVIOUS CAMPAIGN (PLEASE SEE 06V157).

Notes:

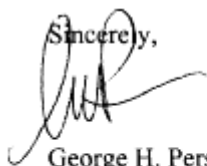
CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

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

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 on or about June 15, 2007. Since this is so close to the end of the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due on or before October 30, 2006.

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@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@NHTSA.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