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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
07V-499

Subject: POSITIVE BATTERY CABLE

Dear MR. VAN LAAR:

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:
INTERNATIONAL/MXT/2007-2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-499

Mfg's Report Date: October 22, 2007

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY:CABLES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 27

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS, THE POSITIVE BATTERY CABLES THAT SUPPLY POWER FROM THE BATTERIES TO THE STARTER MAY BE ROUTED NEAR THE ENGINE'S EXHAUST MANIFOLD. THE EXCESS HEAT GENERATED BY THE MANIFOLD CAN CAUSE THE CABLE'S INSULATION TO MELT, EXPOSING BARE WIRE.

Consequence:

THIS CONDITION MAY CAUSE AN ELECTRICAL SHORT OR A FIRE, WHICH CAN RESULT IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE BATTERY CABLES AND REPLACE THEM IF NECESSARY AND REROUTE THEM AWAY FROM THE ENGINE EXHAUST MANIFOLD FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 21, 2007. OWNER MAY CONTACT INTERNATIONAL AT 1-800-448-7825.

Notes:

INTERNATIONAL RECALL NO. 07514. 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person", written in a cursive style.

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