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of Transportation

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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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MR. DANIEL DOKU
CERTIFICATION & COMPLIANCE
MASERATI NORTH AMERICA, INC.
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ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS NJ 07632

NVS-215dgl
07V-550

Subject: SRS ELECTRONIC CONTROL UNIT SOFTWARE

Dear MR. DOKU:

This letter serves to acknowledge Maserati North America, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below, for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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:
MASERATI/GRANTURISMO/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-550 **Mfg's Report Date:** November 30, 2007

Components: AIRBAGS: FRONTAL: SENSOR/CONTROL MODULE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 56

Summary:
ON CERTAIN VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH THE ADVANCED PASSENGER SEAT AIR BAG WEIGHT SENSOR SYSTEM, A MALFUNCTION CAN OCCUR IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRAINT SYSTEM (SRS) ELECTRONIC CONTROL UNIT (ECU) SOFTWARE WHEN THE BATTERY IS NOT FULLY CHARGED.

Consequence:
IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH, THE PASSENGER SIDE AIR BAG AND PASSENGER SEATBELT PRE-TENSIONER MAY NOT DEPLOY INCREASING THE RISK OF INJURIES.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE SRS ECU UNITS AS NECESSARY FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING DECEMBER 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MASERATI AT 201-816-2638.

Notes:

MASERATI RECALL NO. 170. 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 provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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,



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