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RECALL MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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Mazda North American Operations

Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590



February 14, 2007

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re.: Submission of Part 573 report for 2007 Model Year MazdaSpeed3 vehicles

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports," Mazda North American Operations (MNAO), on behalf of Mazda Motor Corporation of Hiroshima, Japan (Mazda), submits the following information concerning a safety-related recall action that it is initiating.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(1):

Mazda Motor Corporation with Designated Agent:

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Sec. 573.6 (c)(2):

Certain 2007 model year MazdaSpeed3 vehicles which have been equipped with the all-weather floor mat, and built from June 28, 2006 through December 26, 2006 with the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) range between JM1BK34**71 603266 and JM1BK34**71 695052, at the Hofu Plant are potentially affected.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(3):

Approximately 1,700 vehicles are affected.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(4):

Unknown

Sec. 573.6 (c)(5):

On certain 2007 model year MazdaSpeed3 vehicles, when the all-weather floor mats provided as an optional accessory are installed, there is a possibility that the floor mat might interfere with the operation of the accelerator pedal. In this situation it is possible that the accelerator pedal might get stuck behind the floor mat, which may prevent the vehicle from properly decelerating when the accelerator is released.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(6):

Mazda first became aware of this matter on December 27, 2006 when we received a report from the US market describing an incident where an accelerator pedal got stuck behind the all-weather floor mat. We immediately initiated an investigation of this matter. As a result of our investigation, we identified the cause of the problem as insufficient clearance between the floor mat and accelerator pedal, due to improper design of the floor mat.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(7):

Not applicable.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(8):

Owners of record will be notified of the defect and instructed to not use the all-weather floor mats, which were originally provided with the vehicle. Owners will be requested to return the defective floor mats to a Mazda dealership. When a modified all-weather floor mat is available, it will be shipped directly to vehicle owners at no cost to them.

A copy of the reimbursement plan to be sent to owners and dealers as an attachment to the owner notification letter will be provided when it is available. With respect to reimbursement, customers will be reimbursed based on the submission of a receipt indicating the amount paid by the customer to remedy this defect.

Dealers will be notified of the defect in late February 2007.

Mailing of owner notification by first class mail will begin on March 7, 2007 and be completed on March 7.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(9)

Not Applicable.

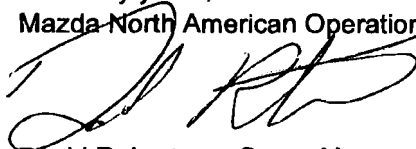
Sec. 573.6 (c)(10) & (11):

A copy of the notification letters to be sent to owners and dealers will be provided when they become available.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(12):

Mazda has assigned recall number 4407B to this action.

Sincerely yours,
Mazda North American Operations

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Robertson', is written over the printed name.

David Robertson, Group Manager
Environmental, Safety & Powertrain Engineering