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07V-071  
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**Subject: Notification of Recall Pursuant to 49 CFR 573 (2007)  
2005/6 Model Year Bentley Arnage**

Dear Mr. Smith:

This information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR 573 (2007)).

573.6 (c) (1) **Manufacturer's Name**  
Bentley Motors Limited

**Importer**  
Bentley Motors, Inc.

573.6 (c) (2) **Identification of Vehicles**

Make : Bentley

Line : Arnage R, T and RL

Model Years : Model Year 2005/6

Month/Year  
of Manufacture : February 2005 to August 2006

VIN Numbers  
of Affected  
Vehicles : in the range from SCBLC37F35CX10826 to SCBLE37G06CX19441

Other  
Identification : None

573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**

222 in the USA

573.6 (c) (4) **Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing Defect**

Cannot be determined. This is a corrective action following the discovery of a component installation that did not conform to design specifications.

573.6 (c) (5) **Description of Noncompliance/Defect**

On vehicles affected, due to the fitment of road wheel fixing bolts that may be dimensionally incorrect, the potential exists for these bolts to loosen. This could lead to the road wheel becoming detached from the hub, however, this condition has not been witnessed by or reported to Bentley Motors Limited, neither is Bentley otherwise aware of any accidents or injuries related to this matter.

573.6 (c) (6) **Basis for Determination**

During investigation of a customer reported problem, the dealer reported that the wheel bolts had become loose. The follow-up analysis by Bentley Motors Limited identified dimensional errors. Examination of a sample of new bolts revealed that the bolt cone dimensions were not to the required specifications. The cause of this error was identified as a bolt production process problem. This process was subsequently revised to remove the cause of the dimensional errors.

573.6 (c) (7) **Noncompliance Test Result**

Not applicable

573.6 (c) (8) **Proposed Remedial Program**

Bentley Motors, Inc. will inform its authorized dealers to replace all wheel bolts on all affected vehicles.

In addition, 759 parts were supplied to dealers as aftermarket replacements (the majority of these parts were consumed in an earlier recall campaign 06V-040 RE06/01). Dealers will provide Bentley Motors Inc. with a list of the vehicles to which they were fitted for remedial action. Affected customers will receive notifications as described below.

Notification dates are anticipated as follows:

Dealers: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007

Owners: Commence 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007

573.6 (c) (9) **Submission of Communications**

A representative copy of all bulletins and other communications sent to dealers and owners will be submitted within five (5) days of dealer/owner notification.

573.6 (c) (10) **Proposed Owner Letter**

A proposed owner notification letter will be submitted to you within the next few weeks for your review.

573.6 (c) (11) **Manufacturer's Recall Code**

Bentley has assigned the code "RE07/02" to this recall.

Sincerely,



Stephen Worrall  
Fixed Operations Manager