



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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*July 25, 2008*

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NVS-215dgl  
08V-331

Subject: HEADLAMPS/HELLA LIGHTING /FMVSS 108

Dear MR. LAFON:

This letter serves to acknowledge Mack Trucks, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment," 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:**

MACK/GU/2009

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 08V-331

**Mfg's Report Date:** July 16, 2008

**Components:** EXTERIOR LIGHTING: HEADLIGHTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 240

**Summary:**

MACK IS RECALLING CERTAIN MY 2009 TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH HELLA HEADLAMPS FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE PHOTOMETRIC OUTPUT REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 108, 'LAMPS, REFLECTIVE DEVICES, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT.' THE HEADLAMP'S BULB SHIELD MAY NOT HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY SEATED INTO THE HEADLAMP'S REFLECTOR.

**Consequence:**

THIS STANDARD SPECIFIES REQUIREMENTS FOR REQUIRED ORIGINAL AND REPLACEMENT LAMPS, REFLECTIVE DEVICES, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT AND THEIR INSTALLATION. THE PURPOSE IS TO REDUCE TRAFFIC CRASHES, DEATHS AND INJURIES RESULTING FROM CRASHES BY PROVIDING ADEQUATE ILLUMINATION OF THE ROADWAY, AND ENHANCING THE CONSPICUITY OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE PUBLIC ROADS SO THAT THEIR PRESENCE IS PERCEIVED AND THEIR SIGNALS UNDERSTOOD, BOTH IN DAYLIGHT AND IN DARKNESS OR OTHER CONDITIONS OF REDUCED VISIBILITY.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE HEADLAMPS FOR THE SUSPECT DATE CODES AND REPLACE AS REQUIRED FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 22, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MACK TRUCKS AT 1-800-528-6586.

**Notes:**

MACK RECALL NO. SC0340. 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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

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](mailto:Patricia.wallace@dot.gov), [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto: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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "P".

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