



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

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Washington, DC 20590

*November 25, 2008*

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NOVI, MI 48375

NVS-215paw  
08V-613

SUBJECT: SUPPLY PUMP COUPLER

DEAR MR. DANIELS:

This letter serves to acknowledge Hino Motors Sales U.S.A., 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:**

HINO/ND8J/2008  
HINO/NE8J/2008  
HINO/NJ8J/2008  
HINO/NV8J/2008

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 08V-613

**Mfg's Report Date:** November 17, 2008

**Components:** ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: ENGINE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 3,836

**Summary:**

HINO IS RECALLING 3,836 MY 2008 ND8J, NE8J, NJ8J, AND NV8J CLASS 6 AND 7, CONVENTIONAL CAB, MEDIUM DUTY TRUCKS EQUIPED WITH J08E-TV OR J08E-TW ENGINES. THERE IS AN IMPROPER SHAPE OF THE SUPPLY PUMP COUPLER LOCATED BETWEEN THE SUPPLY PUMP AND THE AIR COMPRESSOR. THE COUPLING MAY CRACK, THE GEAR TRAIN AND VALVES OF THE ENGINE COULD BREAK, AND THE ENGINE COULD STOP RUNNING.

**Consequence:**

THIS WOULD DISABLE THE POWER STEERING SYSTEM, STOP THE SUPPLY OF AIR TO THE AIR TANK, AND MAY RESULT IN INSUFFICIENT BRAKING POWER, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REPAIR THE COUPLING. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 15, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HINO AT 1-248-699-9330.

**Notes:**

HINO RECALL NO. A6160. 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).

The information in your defect 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).

Hino must file a sample of the envelope which you intend to use to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY", "RECALL", "NOTICE" in any order must be printed on the envelope in larger font than the customers name and address.

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