



December 23, 2008

**Subject: New Safety Recall (SC0342, Headlight Switch)**

**Attention:**

Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

**08V-688**  
**(3 pages)**

**Submitted via Email to Patricia Wallace.**

The following information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.6 as it applies to a defect relating to motor vehicle safety.

**573.6(c)(1)**

Mack Trucks, Inc. ("Mack")  
2100 Mack Blvd  
Allentown, PA 18103

**573.6(c)(2)**

Mack CX and CXN model vehicles

The selection of vehicles was based on the model.

**Affected Models and Model Years:**

CX – 1999 through 2005  
CXN – 2004 through 2008

**573.6(c)(3)**

There are approximately forty-two thousand six hundred nine (42,609) vehicles affected by the recall of which there are thirty-four thousand two hundred sixty-nine (34,269) vehicles that were sold in the United States.

**573.6(c)(4)**

The percentage of the forty-two thousand six hundred nine vehicles expected to contain the defect is unknown.

**573.6(c)(5)**

The headlight switch may prematurely fail resulting in inoperative or intermittent headlights.

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### **573.6 (c)(6)**

Chronology of principle events that were the basis for the determination:

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| 4/8/08   | Mack releases service bulletin describing failures of headlight switch on certain models                                    |
| 7/10/08  | NHTSA contacts Mack regarding service bulletin  |
| 9/16/08  | Mack opens safety defect investigation  |
| 12/18/08 | Mack decides that the condition described in this notification constitutes a defect and that such defect is safety related. |
| 12/23/08 | NHTSA notified that Mack would initiate a voluntary safety recall.  |

There are two hundred ninety-six warranty claims, one customer complaints, and one field report associated with this defect.

### **573.6(c)(7)**

Not applicable

### **573.6(c)(8)**

Mack will initiate a voluntary owner notification, and recall all forty-two thousand six hundred nine vehicles.

The recall repair will consist of replacing the headlight switch.

Reimbursement for cost incurred by the owner for “prenotification remedies” will be addressed on a case-by-case basis according to the “General Plan for Reimbursement of Pre-notification Remedies” which was published December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

The number, which has been assigned to this recall by Mack, is **SC0342**.

A Safety Recall Alert will be released to dealers on or before Jan. 5, 2009, which informs the dealers of the recall. Owner letters are tentatively scheduled to be mailed on or before Feb. 27, 2009.



An advance copy of the owner's letter will be submitted to NHTSA for review and approval prior to release to the owners.

If there are any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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