



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

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MR. TIMOTHY LAFON
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PO BOX 26115
GREENSBORO, NC 27402

NVS-215kjs
09V-240

SUBJECT: AXLE BEAM FAILURE

DEAR MR. LAFON:

This letter serves to acknowledge Mack Trucks, Inc's (Mack) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect for the vehicles listed below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal laws.

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/CL/2004-2005
MACK/CV/2004-2005
MACK/DM/2004-2005
MACK/LE/2004-2005
MACK/MR/2004-2005
MACK/RB/2004-2005
MACK/RD/2004

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-240

Mfg's Report Date: June 29, 2009

Components: POWER TRAIN:AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 10,300

Summary:

MACK IS RECALLING 10,300 MODEL YEAR 2004 AND 2005 CL, CV, DM, LE, AND RB AND MODEL YEAR 2004 RD HEAVY TRUCKS MANUFACTURED FROM OCTOBER 1, 2003 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2004, EQUIPPED WITH AXLE BEAMS MANUFACTURED BY BHARAT FORGE. THE AXLE BEAM MAY HAVE TRANSVERSE SHEAR LINES ON THE BOTTOM OF THE AXLE FROM THE TRIMMING PROCESS.

Consequence:

THESE LINES, IF PRESENT, CAN PROMOTE INITIATION OF CRACKS, WHICH OVER TIME MAY POSSIBLY LEAD TO AXLE BEAM FAILURE AND A VEHICLE CRASH CAN OCCUR.

Remedy:

MACK WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, INSPECT AND REPLACE ANY AFFECTED AXLE BEAMS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JULY 3, 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MACK AT 1-800-528-6586.

Notes:

MACK'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NO. SC0341. CUSTOMERS MAY 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.

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 contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at 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".

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