



February 17, 2010

**Subject: Safety Recall (SC0341, Front Axle Beam)
New 573 Report, Expanding Scope of Recall****Reference NHTSA Recall #: 09V-240****Attention:**

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Washington, DC 20590

Submitted via Email to Delia Lopez

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")
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Greensboro, NC 27409

573.6(c)(2)

Certain vehicles manufactured from February 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003 with axle beams manufactured by Bharat Forge Ltd. ("Bharat").

The selection of vehicles was based on the axle make, and vehicle build date.

Affected Models and Model Years:

CL, CV, LE, MR, and RB – 2002 through 2004
DM – 2003 through 2004
RD – 2002 through 2004

Component Manufacturer:

Bharat Forge Ltd. ("Bharat")
Mundhwa
Pune 411036
India



573.6(c)(3)

There are approximately seventeen thousand two hundred fifteen (17,215) vehicles affected by the recall of which there are fifteen thousand four hundred ninety (15,490) vehicles that were sold in the United States.

573.6(c)(4)

The percentage of the vehicles containing the defect is unknown.

573.6(c)(5)

The axle beam may have transverse notches on the bottom of the axle at the trim line. These notches, if present, under certain conditions may lead to cracks over time. If a crack occurs and is left untreated, the axle beam can completely fracture and possibly lead to a vehicle crash.

573.6 (c)(6)

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

- 11/19/09 Received report of an axle beam that failed which was not within the original scope of the recall. Vehicle was manufactured in June of 2003. Investigation opened.
- 1/27/10 Inspection of returned axle beams with representative from Dana Corporation ("Dana"), who sold the suspect axle beams to Mack.
- 2/15/10 Mack decides to expand scope of recall.
- 2/17/10 NHTSA notified that Mack is expanding the scope of the safety recall.

573.6(c)(7)

Not applicable

573.6(c)(8)

Mack will notify the owners of the additional vehicles that have been added to the recall. The owner letter and repair instruction from the previous recall, 09V-240, will be used.

The recall repair will consist of inspection of the axle beam and replacement as required.

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 8th, 2004.

The number, which has been assigned to this recall by Mack, is **SC0341**.



A Safety Recall Alert will be released to dealers on or before February 19, 2010, which informs the dealers of the change in scope. Owner letters for the additional vehicles will be mailed on or before March 5, 2010.

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

Sincerely,

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