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ISUZU
DET-11-030

Ms. Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Recall 10V-436; Additional Supplement to Isuzu's Part 573 Report

Dear Ms. Timian:

Consistent with our recent discussions, Isuzu Manufacturing Services of America, Inc. ("Isuzu"), is providing an amendment to the defect information report ("Part 573 report") provided to the Office of Defects Investigation ("ODI") in connection with Recall 10V-436, which addresses excessive corrosion in the vicinity of the forward mounting point brackets for the left or right rear suspension lower link in certain model year ("MY") 1998-2002 Isuzu Rodeo/Honda Passport vehicles and certain MY 2002 Isuzu Axiom vehicles. Specifically, in its description of the recall program pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6(c)(8), Isuzu stated that for vehicles in which little or no corrosion is observed in the area of the rear suspension lower link brackets at the time of the inspection, the areas will be treated with an anti-corrosion compound to reduce the likelihood of additional corrosion in those areas in the future. For vehicles in which corrosion has damaged either of the subject rear suspension lower link brackets and affected its connection to the vehicle's frame, reinforcement brackets will be installed on both sides of the vehicle. In addition, Isuzu advised ODI that in the rare event the corrosion in the vicinity of the subject brackets is so severe that the reinforcement bracket remedy would not be appropriate; Isuzu and Honda would develop an appropriate remedy.

Isuzu wishes to clarify that the "appropriate remedy" referred to above (i.e., the remedy applicable in the rare event that a reinforcement bracket cannot be installed or would not satisfactorily remedy the excessive corrosion in the area of the rear suspension lower link bracket), will be an offer to repurchase the vehicle at the Kelley Blue Book "Private Party" price. This is consistent with 49 U.S.C. § 30120(a)(1)(A)(iii), which specifies that a vehicle manufacturer may remedy a defect "by refunding the purchase price, less a reasonable allowance for depreciation. The actual price will vary, depending on the model year of the vehicle, its mileage, its trim level, and its overall condition (unrelated to any corrosion that may exist in the area of the rear suspension lower link brackets).

Consistent with the limitation specified in Isuzu's initial Part 573 report, for vehicles that were more than ten years old at the time of that report, which are not entitled to a free remedy under the statute, this repurchase remedy will only apply to vehicles presented to an Isuzu service facility or a Honda dealer, as applicable, within twelve (12) months of the date of mailing of the original owner notification letters.

Finally, because there appears to be some confusion on the part of some owners of vehicles covered by this recall, Isuzu wishes to take this opportunity to reiterate that this recall only addresses excessive corrosion in the vicinity of the forward mounting point brackets for the left or right rear suspension lower link in the covered vehicles. It does not address corrosion that may exist in other parts of the vehicle, and neither Isuzu nor Honda will provide a remedy for any such corrosion.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 734-582-9262 or Scott Crafard of my staff at 734-582-9250.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffery A. Marsee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jeffery A. Marsee
Vehicle Compliance
Isuzu Manufacturing Services America, Inc.