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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
11V-209

SUBJECT: FIFTH WHEEL MOUNTING BOLTS

DEAR MR. LAFON:

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

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/CHU/2009-2011

MACK/CXU/2009-2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-209

Mfg's Report Date: March 31, 2011

Components: TRAILER HITCHES: FIFTH WHEEL ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 808

Summary:

MACK TRUCKS IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008-2011 CHU AND CXU HEAVY TRUCKS MANUFACTURED FROM JANUARY 2008 THROUGH JULY 2010. THERE MAY BE AN INTERFERENCE WITH THE BOLTS USED TO SECURE THE FIFTH WHEEL TO THE FRAME THAT CAN PREVENT THE BOLTS FROM BEING TORQUED TO SPECIFICATION.

Consequence:

THE BOLTS MAY FAIL AND COULD RESULT IN THE FIFTH WHEEL COMING LOOSE CAUSING THE TRAILER TO SEPARATE FROM THE TRACTOR INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE THE BOLTS AS REQUIRED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE MAY 30, 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MACK TRUCKS AT 1-800-866-1177.

Notes:

MACK TRUCKS RECALL NO. SC0351. 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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

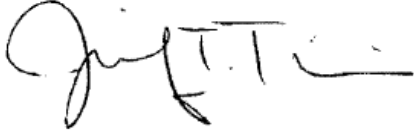
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement