



March 31, 2010

Subject: New Safety Recall (SC0351, Fifth Wheel Mounting Bolts)**Attention:**

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
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")
7900 National Service Rd.
Greensboro, NC 27409

573.6(c)(2)

Certain Mack CHU and CXU model vehicles manufactured from January 2008 to July 2010.

Model years: 2009-2011

The selection of vehicles was based on sales code.

573.6(c)(3)

There are approximately eight hundred eight (808) vehicles affected by the recall, which were manufactured for sale in the United States.

573.6(c)(4)

The percentage of the vehicles expected to contain the defect is unknown.

573.6(c)(5)

There may be an interference with the bolts used to secure the fifth wheel to the frame, which can prevent the bolts from being torqued to specification. If this occurs, the bolt(s) may fail, and in extreme cases may result in the fifth wheel coming loose causing the trailer to separate from the tractor.



573.6 (c)(6)

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

- 1/19/11 NHTSA sends letter to Mack informing that they are opening a Preliminary Evaluation ("PE") as a result of a complaint received on fifth wheel mounting bolts breaking
- 2/8/11 Mack submits information to NHTSA as requested in PE and indicates to NHTSA that Mack will be further investigating the matter
- 3/17/11 Scope identified, submitted to Product Safety Committee for recommendation
- 3/24/11 Determination made of a safety related defect.
- 3/31/11 NHTSA notified that Mack will conduct a voluntary safety recall to address the non compliance.

There are two field reports that were reported on 9/23/10 and 9/15/10 and eleven warranty claims with dates of 7/22/2008, 3/26/2009, and nine with dates ranging from 9/23/10 to 10/29/10. There have been no accidents or injuries reported.

573.6(c)(7)

Not Applicable.

573.6(c)(8)

Mack will initiate a voluntary owner notification, and recall all affected vehicles.

The recall repair will consist of inspecting the bolts and replacing 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 **SC0351**.

A Safety Recall Alert will be released to dealers on or before April 4, 2011, which informs the dealers of the recall. Owner letters are scheduled to be mailed on or before May 30, 2011.

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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