



May 18, 2011

Subject: New Safety Recall (SC0354, Battery Cables)**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 Trucks")
7900 National Service Rd.
Greensboro, NC 27409

573.6(c)(2)

Certain GU model vehicles manufactured from September 12, 2007 through April 8, 2011 with a four battery cable design.

The selection of vehicles was based on the battery cable configuration.

Affected Models and Model Years:

GU- 2008-2011

573.6(c)(3)

There are approximately five hundred seventeen (517) vehicles affected by the recall, which were manufactured for sale in the United States.

573.6(c)(4)

The percentage of the vehicles containing the defect is unknown.

573.6(c)(5)

As a result of the routing and clipping used, the battery cables may come into contact with frame hardware, which in extreme cases as a result of chafing may cause the insulation to become worn to a point where a high resistance short occurs. A high resistance short can potentially cause localized heating of the cable which may cause a vehicle fire.



573.6 (c)(6)

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

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| 1/14/11 | Received customer complaint/field report of a single vehicle accident (i.e. a fire) on a 2011 GU model truck |
| 2/1/11 | Inspection of accident vehicle reveals potential safety-related defect. Investigation opened |
| 3/29/11 | Scope Identified |
| 4/12/11 | Repair identified |
| 4/25/11 | Information submitted to Product Safety Committee for recommendation |
| 5/11/11 | Mack Trucks makes determination of a safety related defect. |
| 5/18/11 | NHTSA notified that Mack would initiate a voluntary safety recall. |

One customer complaint and one field report dated 1/14/11 and 2/1/11 respectively were received.

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 re-routing the battery cables and replacement of the cable(s) if chafing has occurred.

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 **SC0354**.

A Safety Recall Alert will be released to dealers on or before May 23, 2011, which informs the dealers of the recall. Owner letters are scheduled to be mailed on or before July 1, 2010.



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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