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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF
DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 02E-017.002/102 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: May 23, 2002 **MANUFACTURER:** ArvinMeritor

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Ms. Debra L. Shumar
Vice President, Continuous Improvement & Quality

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SUBJECT: 119,000 Model 20-EDL ball socket assemblies incorporated into ArvinMeritor axles manufactured from October 31, 1999, through May 31, 2000, and from June 12, 2000, through August 31, 2000. Also, 62,000 20-EDL aftermarket ball socket assemblies. Certain TRW tie rod ball-socket bearings have a below specification case depth and/or hardness which can lead to premature deterioration of the socket in some applications.

This is an **initial** acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

NOTIFICATION TO PURCHASERS

We have reviewed ArvinMeritor's proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements Part 577. Please provide the agency with any final documents relating to this recall as they become available.

If you have any questions, please call:

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Faxed 5/24/02

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Schuler".