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of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs  
08E-003

Subject: PINION GEARS BREAK

Dear MR. COMMONS:

This letter serves to acknowledge Dana Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect for the products listed below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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:**

DANA/127420/9999  
DANA/129737/9999

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 08E-003

**Mfg's Report Date:** January 3, 2008

**Components:** POWER TRAIN: AXLE ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 68

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN PINION GEARS, P/NOS. 129737 AND 127420, MANUFACTURED ON DECEMBER 4, 2007, AND ASSEMBLED INTO THE AXLE ASSEMBLY OF TANDEM-REAR OR SINGLE DRIVE AXLES INSTALLED AS ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT FOR CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL, PACCAR, AND VOLVO HEAVY TRUCKS, WRONG INDUCTION HARDNESS PROCESS SETTINGS WERE USED RESULTING IN EXCESSIVE HARDNESS OF THE PINION GEARS.

**Consequence:**

THE EXCESSIVE HARDNESS CAN POTENTIALLY RESULT IN THE THREADED END OF THE PINION BREAKING OFF. THIS FAILURE COULD RESULT IN THE

DRIVESHAFT DISCONNECTING FROM THE AXLE, WHICH WOULD CAUSE LOSS OF VEHICLE POWER. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THE DRIVESHAFT MAY SEPARATE FROM THE VEHICLE POSSIBLY RESULTING IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DANA IS WORKING WITH THE VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS TO NOTIFY OWNERS AND HAVE THEIR VEHICLES REPAIRED FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT THEIR VEHICLE MANUFACTURER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

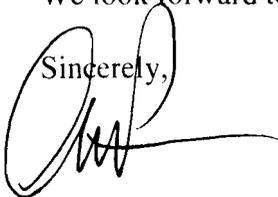
**Notes:**

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).

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

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at [Kelly.Schuler@DOT.GOV](mailto:Kelly.Schuler@DOT.GOV), or though the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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