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National Highway
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400 Seventh Street, SW
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**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF
DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. **02E-017** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: February 8, 2002 **MANUFACTURER:** Dana Corporation

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Mr. Donald W. Commons
Senior Counsel

FAX: 419-535-4790

SUBJECT: 5,306 E-1320-I axle applications (13,000 lbs) equipped on Kenworth and Freightliner heavy vehicles. 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. If this condition occurs, the driver can lose partial control of the right front wheel, possibly resulting in a vehicle crash.

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.

It is our understanding that TRW will be conducting the notification and remedy campaign on behalf of Dana Corporation's customers; therefore, it will not be necessary for Dana to provide quarterly status reports as long as TRW's campaign is successful.

If you have any questions, please call:

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Mr. Donald W. Commons
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Dear Mr. Commons:

We have reviewed Dana Corporation's (Dana) Defect Information Report submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports," dated February 8, 2002. This recall involves 5,306 E-1320-I axle applications (13,000 lbs) equipped on Kenworth and Freightliner heavy vehicles. 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. ***The assigned NHTSA identification number for this campaign is 02E-017.001.***

It is our understanding that TRW will be conducting the notification and remedy campaign on behalf of Dana Corporation's customers; therefore, it will not be necessary for Dana to provide quarterly status reports as long as TRW's campaign is successful.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kelly Schuler at (202) 366-5227 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

JSI

Jonathan D. White, Chief
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