



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Ms. Natalia Medley
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TRW Automotive Inc
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NEF-150MR
18E-080

Subject: Outer Tie Rod Nut may Loosen

Dear Ms. Medley:

This letter serves to acknowledge TRW Automotive Inc's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. 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:

TRW/OUTER TIE ROD/9999

Mfr's Report Date: August 9, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18E-080

Components:

STEERING:LINKAGES:TIE ROD ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,999

Problem Description:

TRW Automotive Inc (TRW) is recalling certain Outer Tie Rods, part number JTE7042, sold as replacement parts for certain 1988-2000 General Motors vehicles. The locking nut on these outer tie rod assemblies may not lock as designed, allowing the tie rod to separate and cause a loss of steering.

Consequence:

A loss of steering can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

TRW will notify their distributors and the known owners, and will refund the owners for the returned parts, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact TRW customer service at 1-248-863-2437.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please provide a list, if known, of the vehicles that these tie rods may be used on.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

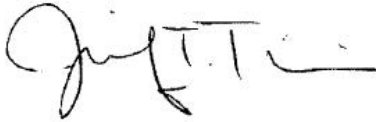
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement