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VIA UPS
January 14, 2003

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Mr. Kenneth N. Weinstein
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance (NSA-01)
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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RE: Recall Notification Report for the Porsche Boxster/Boxster S

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Porsche Cars North America, Inc. on behalf of Dr. Ing. h.c.F. Porsche AG hereby informs you of Porsche's intention to conduct a safety related recall and remedy campaign involving 1997 to 2002 Boxster and 2000 to 2002 Boxster S vehicles equipped with the Tiptronic (automatic) transmission.

On behalf of Dr. Ing. h.c.F. Porsche AG, Porsche Cars North America, Inc. has enclosed the Defect Information report pursuant to the provisions of Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (770) 290-3627.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Lewis', is written over a white rectangular area.

Walter J. Lewis, Manager
Regulatory Affairs

Enclosure

cc: Jon White, NHTSA - ODI via facsimile

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On January 14, 2003, Dr. Ing. h.c.F. Porsche AG determined that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Date this report was prepared: **January 14, 2003**

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

Manufacturer

**Dr. Ing. h.c.F. Porsche AG
70435 Stuttgart
Germany**

Agent

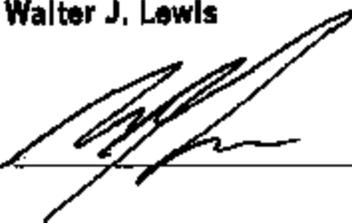
**General Counsel
Porsche Cars North America, Inc.
980 Hammond Drive
Suite 1000
Atlanta, GA 30328**

Corporate official, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall:

**Walter J. Lewis, Manager
Regulatory Affairs
Tel. No: (770) 290-3627
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Name of Person who prepared this report: **Walter J. Lewis**

Signed: _____



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1. Identify the Vehicle Models involved in the Recall

2. Vehicles Involved in the Recall:

Make: Porsche

Model Years: 1997 - 2002

**Models: Boxster (model year 1997 to 2002),
Boxster S (model year 2000 to 2002)**

Production Dates: SOP to May 15, 2002.

VIN Ranges: To be determined.

Vehicle Type: Passenger Car

Bodystyle: Two-door convertible

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents.

Approximately 7% of the above automatic transmission equipped (Tiptronic) vehicles produced during the above production dates maybe affected by this recall.

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II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall:

To be determined.

4. Approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles above estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance:

7%

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined:

During routine internal quality audits the problem was discovered in several company vehicles in Germany.

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III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance.

The affected vehicles may have been produced with an incorrectly adjusted automatic transmission level cable. If the cable is incorrectly adjusted it may be possible to shift out of park after the ignition key has been removed from the ignition.

Describe the cause of the defect or noncompliance condition.

See above.

Describe the consequence of the defect or noncompliance condition.

It maybe possible to knock the transmission lever out of the park position after the key has been removed.

Identify any warning, which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

Not applicable.

Identify the supplier by corporate name and address, and the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

Not Applicable.

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IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

To be determined.

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

Not applicable.

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V. Identify the Remedy

8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

The vehicles will be recalled to dealership for inspection of the cable adjustment and corrected if necessary.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

Not applicable.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

During the model year changeover there were substantial revisions to the factory assembly instructions. Fortuitously, these revisions to the assembly instructions remedied the problem in production.

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VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to dealers and purchasers.

To be determined.

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VII. Furnish Recall Communications

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification.

These will be forwarded as soon as the drafts have been prepared.