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DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

**Assigned Recall No. 00E-057 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

Part 573 Report Date: September 25, 2000

Manufacturer: Alcoa, Inc.

Manufacturer Contact: Mr. Richard Corliss
Quality Manager

FAX: 216-641-5099

SUBJECT: 25,054 after market Alcoa forged aluminum light truck wheel, size 16x7J, LTS Style, 8 on 6.5" bolt circle, part number 167011, manufactured between 1993 and 2000. A crack can develop in the wheel from hand hole to hand hole. This can result in additional cracks and potential failure over time. Failure can result in wheel separation and possible vehicle crash.

NOTIFICATION TO PURCHASERS

In accordance with Part 577, a draft owner notification letter which is intended to be sent to end user customers must be submitted to this office for review prior to mailing. Also, it is our understanding that Alcoa would like to go out with its press release today, October 3, 2000. Please submit any final documents relating to this campaign as soon as they become available.

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.

If you have any questions, please call:



Kelly Schuler, Safety Defect Analyst on (202) 366-5226 or
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Recall Analysis Division

Faxed 10-3-00

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Mr. Richard L. Corliss
Quality Manager
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Cleveland, OH 44105

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Dear Mr. Corliss:

We have reviewed the Defect Information Report submitted by Alcoa, Inc. (Alcoa) on September 25, 2000, filed in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 25,054 after market Alcoa forged aluminum light truck wheel, size 16x7J, LTS Style, 8 on 6.5" bolt circle, part number 167011, sold from 1994 to September 2000. A crack can develop in the wheel from hand hole to hand hole. This can result in additional cracks and potential failure over time. Failure can result in wheel separation and possible vehicle crash. *The assigned NHTSA identification number for this campaign is 00E-057.*

NOTIFICATION TO PURCHASERS:

We have reviewed your owner notification letter and there is one change which should be made prior to mailing to consumers. The Auto Safety Hotline number has been changed to 1-888-327-4236 and the Washington DC resident number is no longer in service. Please provide the agency with any final documents related to this campaign when they become available.

QUARTERLY STATUS REPORTS

As stated in Part 573.6, 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 begins. The current calendar quarter began on October 1 and ends on December 31, 2000. Therefore, Alcoa's first quarterly report is due in this office by January 30, 2001.

The following chart provides due dates for each of the six quarterly reports.

<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>QUARTER BEGINS</u>	<u>QUARTER ENDS</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
1 st Quarter	October 1, 2000	December 31, 2000	January 30, 2000
2 nd Quarter	January 1, 2001	March 31, 2001	April 30, 2001
3 rd Quarter	April 1, 2001	June 30, 2001	July 30, 2001
4 th Quarter	July 1, 2001	September 30, 2001	October 30, 2001
5 th Quarter	October 1, 2001	December 31, 2001	January 30, 2002
6 th Quarter	January 1, 2002	March 31, 2002	April 30, 2002

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Jonathan D. White, Chief
Recall Analysis Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Safety Assurance