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November 6, 2000

Mr. Kenneth N Weinstein
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Re.: Submission of Part 573 report for the MAZDA SPEED resinous hood
(Accessories) for Mazda RX-7

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports," Mazda North American Operations (MNAO), on behalf of Mazda Motor Corporation of Hiroshima, Japan (Mazda), submits the following information report concerning the safety-related recall action that it is initiating.

Sec. 573.5 (c)(1):

Mazda Motor Corporation with Designated Agent:

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Sec. 573.5 (c)(2):

Mazda Speed Resinous hoods, designed and sold as accessory parts for the RX-7 from the 1992 Model Year through the 1995 Model Year, were produced during the period of June 1997 through September 19, 2000.

Sec. 573.5 (c)(3):

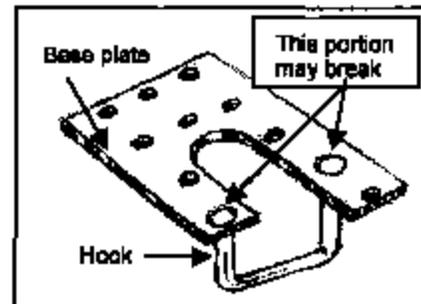
16 units

Sec. 573.5 (c)(4):

Unknown.

Sec. 573.5 (c)(5):

A hook on a hood striker for the resinous hood may separate from a base plate at the welded portion due to insufficient welding strength. In the worst case, the hood may suddenly open while driving and this may result in a loss of front visibility.

Sec. 573.5 (c)(6):

In September 2000, Mazda first became aware of this condition as the result of a report from a Mazda dealer in Japan. After subsequent investigation, on November 2, 2000, Mazda determined that this condition constituted a safety related defect and that a recall campaign is required. Mazda has not received any reports related to this problem from the US market.

Sec. 573.5 (c)(7):

Not applicable.

Sec. 573.5 (c)(8):

All RX-7 owners who purchased resinous hoods will be notified of the defect by first class mail in December 2000 and be instructed to bring their vehicle to a Mazda dealer. Dealers will replace the hood striker with a modified one. Repairs will be performed at no cost to the vehicle owner.

Sec. 573.5 (c)(9) & (10):

Representative copies of the notification letters to be sent to owners will be provided under separate cover when they become available.

Sec. 573.5 (c)(11):

Mazda has assigned recall number 0100L to this action.

Sincerely yours,
Mazda North American Operations

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David G. Robertson".

David G. Robertson
Manager,
Environmental & Safety Engineering