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ITEM: 1

SUBJECT:-

SAFETY CRITICAL ITEMS (POLICY ITEM)

MODELS:-

All Land-Rovers

REMARKS:-

As a result of the introduction of motor vehicle safety legislation in the USA, and the recent increase of similar requirements in the UK and other countries, various components are now designated 'safety critical'. These are identified by the symbol (d) and may be generally defined as those items whose failure would immediately affect a driver's ability to control the direction or speed of his vehicle.

The prominence given to these components is primarily intended to demonstrate to the authorities concerned that 'due care' has been observed in their design, manufacture and assembly.

However, in the event of component failure it also serves to pin-point the item involved and so limit the number of vehicles to be recalled.

To exercise due care in service, the following steps are in progress:

1. Attention will be drawn to safety critical items in the introductory section of new Repair Operation Manuals emphasizing that only genuine Rover or Unipart replacements should be fitted.
2. Torque figures for all (d) fasteners will also be included or issued, separately.

Although (d) is only concerned with the USA market at the present time, it may well be extended at a later date and in any case, USA export home delivery vehicles are included in (d) precautions. We are therefore advising our Distributors and Dealers to make use of this information as applicable.