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March 29, 2010

Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Early Warning Division (NVS-217)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Foreign Recall Information Report
Seat Belt Buckle as after-sales service parts
Isuzu 1997-2005MY FORWARD Commercial Vehicles

Dear Mr. Smith:

On behalf of Isuzu Motors Limited ("IML"), pursuant to 49 CFR §579.12, Isuzu Manufacturing Services of America, Inc. (collectively "Isuzu") hereby submits a Foreign Recall Information Report concerning the foreign safety recall of certain 1997-2005MY Isuzu FORWARD commercial vehicles sold in Japan (hereinafter, the "subject vehicles" or the "affected vehicles").

573.6 (c)(1)

Manufacturer: Isuzu Motors Limited
26-1, Minami-ooi 6-chome
Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo 140-8722 Japan

Supplier: Autoliv Japan Ltd.
Inotec Bldg. 4th Floor
17-6,3-chome Shin Yokohama,
Kouhoku-ku, Yokohama Kanagawa, Japan
Ph: 81-45-475-3501

Subject component: Seat Belt Buckle Assembly

Country of Origin of the component: Japan

573.6 (c)(2):

Certain of the vehicles sold in Japan to be recalled for the indicated subject component are substantially similar (as "substantially similar" is defined in 49 CFR Section 579.4) to certain Isuzu F-Series and Chevrolet/GMC T-Series vehicles sold in the United States. As set forth in more detail below, IML was able to determine that neither vehicles equipped with the subject component nor the subject components themselves were sold in the U.S. Nonetheless, in an abundance of caution and in recognition of the goals of the NHTSA reporting requirements, Isuzu is filing this report to ensure that the Agency is aware of this recall.

573.6 (c)(3)

Please see Attachment 1.

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573.6 (c)(5):

Summary:

During the production at the supplier for after-sales service parts, the pin that is located between the seat belt stay and the anchorage was manufactured with the incorrect material. As a result, the pin has inadequate strength and the affected seat belt buckle may break and, in the worst case, the seat belt buckle assembly could detach from the affected seat belt buckle anchorage.

Detailed description:

The "substantially similar" vehicles sold in the U.S. are equipped with an entirely different seat belt system, utilizing a different seat belt anchorage, than the affected vehicles involved in the subject foreign recall. In addition, the seat belts in the U.S. vehicles are assembled by a different supplier in U.S. As a result, the U.S. vehicles are not similarly susceptible to the problem that led to the recall that is the subject of this report.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 734-582-9262 or Scott Crafard of my staff at 734-582-9250.

Sincerely,



Jeffery A. Marsee
Chief Representative
Emissions and Safety
Isuzu Manufacturing Services of America, Inc

Enclosure

Attachment 1
§573.6(c)(3) and 579.12

Country	Model Series	Model Year ¹	Number Involved	Inclusive Manufacturing Dates
Japan	FORWARD	1997-2005	Approx. 26 units	March, 1997 ~ June, 2005

Safety Recall or Safety Campaign	Determination made by	Date of Determination	Date the Campaign Commenced	Description of Program	Substantially similar ² vehicles produced during the same period as the affected vehicles
Safety Recall	Manufacturer	March 24, 2010	March 25, 2010	The seat belt buckle will be replaced with an improved one.	Isuzu F-series, Chevrolet/GMC T-series

¹ In Japan, model years can last for multiple calendar years. Manufacture year is reported as MY in this report.

² The vehicles are "substantially similarly" insofar as that term is defined in 49 CFR Section 579.4.