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Re: NVS-212-pco, PB04-081 VW Peer Analysis Response

Dear Mr. Cooper

This memo responds to your letter dated January 24, 2005 in which you seek peer information on alleged inadvertent deployment of side-impact airbag/curtains for vehicles similar to the 2001-2003 VW Jetta, Golf and GTI. It is our understanding that the analysis includes those peer 2001-2003 Mitsubishi vehicles with curb weight between 2,500 to 3,500 pounds and equipped with either a side-impact airbag/curtain type system or a combination thorax/head airbag type system.

While Mitsubishi did manufacture vehicles meeting the model year and curb weight requirements of the subject peer vehicles (including the Dodge Stratus Coupe and Chrysler Sebring Coupe), none of those vehicles were equipped with combination side-impact/curtain or combination thorax/head airbag systems. For those vehicles that were equipped with side airbag systems, those vehicles had torso type side airbag systems.

DaimlerChrysler (DC) has advised that they received a similar "Peer Analysis" questionnaire for their vehicles. For the vehicles produced for them by Mitsubishi (the Dodge Stratus Coupe and Chrysler Sebring Coupe), Mitsubishi is responding on behalf of DaimlerChrysler. It is our understanding that DC will have a separate response for their other vehicle models, including sedan versions of the Dodge Stratus and Chrysler Sebring Sedans built by DC on other vehicle platforms.

Mitsubishi will if requested provide individual responses to questions 1 through 6 of the "peer analysis", however since no vehicles meet the "subject peer vehicles" definition, we are providing this memo as our response to your inquiry. If you require additional information, please do not hesitate contact to me at one of the contact points listed below.

Best regards,

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