

January 27, 2015

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, West Building, W41-326
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590
U.S.A.

In re: PE14-016, Air Bag Inflator Rupture

Dear Mr. Vincent:

We enclose herewith additional information updating the December 2, 2014 responses of Mitsubishi Motors Corporation (“MMC”) and Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. (“MMNA”) to Requests 1(a) through 1(c) of the Secretary of Transportation’s General Order dated November 18, 2014 (the “General Order”).

Additional Information

We have received further results of Takata’s testing of SPI-type inflators taken from the passenger-side airbags of Mitsubishi “Lancer” and “i” vehicles registered in Japan. (For your information, the “i” is a small, four-door passenger vehicle which is not sold in the US, but which uses the same SPI-type airbag inflator as the Lancer. A model with a similar name, the Mitsubishi “i-MiEV”, is, in fact, sold in the US, but it uses a different Takata airbag inflator: the PSPI-6 type.)

This testing was originally described in our December 2, 2014 response to the General Order as the “Planned 50 or More Inflators Testing”, but it has now been subsumed into the “Future Planned Testing” described in our response to General Order request 1(a), which is now ongoing. The location of this testing is Takada’s factory in Echigawa, Japan. The nature and objective of the testing, and the testing protocols, are the same as for the “Completed Testing” described in our December 2, 2014 response to General Order request 1(b)(1). We will continue to provide updates to NHTSA on testing results which we receive from Takata, and in this update we enclose interim results as follows:

1. PDF copy of test results received from Takata as of January 15, 2015 entitled “Returned Inflator of Mitsubishi Motor Test @ Takata” (original Japanese version numbered MMC00000041, and Takata’s English translation thereof numbered MMC00000042); and

2. Excel sheet prepared by MMC giving the following additional information on the vehicles from which the inflators tested by Takata were taken, as required by the General Order: vehicle model year; build date; VIN number; registration history by location; dealership location with zip code where inflator was returned; whether any deaths or injuries are associated with the inflators in the vehicle; and product specifications for the airbag and inflator models in the vehicle (English only, numbered MMC00000043).

We will continue to cooperate with NHTSA in this matter and will provide further updates to our December 2, 2014 responses as appropriate or requested by NHTSA.

Sincerely,

MITSUBISHI MOTORS CORPORATION

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Yasuko Takazawa

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