

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF  
DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 99V-333 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: November 23, 1999

MANUFACTURER: Mitsubishi Motor Sales of America, Inc.

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Mr. Kent Reeves, Manager  
Product Engineering and Technical Compliance

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SUBJECT: 19,789 Mitsubishi 1999-2000 Galant and 2000 Eclipse model vehicles equipped with V6 engines and Federal emission equipment. The battery cable harness can become heat damaged by the front exhaust manifold which could cause grounded circuits. This circuit failure could cause any of the following 4 conditions: (1) the engine will not start because the main fuse will blow if the power lead is grounded; (2) the low oil pressure warning lamp will illuminate if the signal wire is grounded; (3) the air-conditioning system will become inoperative if the lead to the magnetic clutch is grounded; and (4) the turn signal/hazard lamps will become inoperative if the voltage monitor lead is grounded.

This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

*A draft copy of the notification documents must be submitted to this office by facsimile (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing.*

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during January 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2000.

If you have any questions, please call:



Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst on (202) 366-5232  
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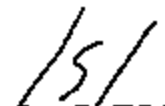
Dear Mr. Berwanger:

After review of the file concerning this recall, it appears that an acknowledgment letter was never sent to you. Please accept our apologies for this oversight.

We have reviewed Mitsubishi Motor Manufacturing of America, Inc.'s (MMA) Defect Information Report dated November 23, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 19,789 Mitsubishi 1999-2000 Galant and 2000 Eclipse model vehicles equipped with V6 engines and Federal emission equipment. The battery cable harness can become heat damaged by the front exhaust manifold which could cause grounded circuits. This circuit failure could cause any of the following 4 conditions: (1) the engine will not start because the main fuse will blow if the power lead is grounded; (2) the low oil pressure warning lamp will illuminate if the signal wire is grounded; (3) the air-conditioning system will become inoperative if the lead to the magnetic clutch is grounded; and (4) the turn signal/hazard lamps will become inoperative if the voltage monitor lead is grounded. **The assigned ID Number for this recall campaign is 99V-333.**

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202)366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

  
Jonathan D. White, Chief  
Recall Analysis Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Safety Assurance