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RE: 2004 Mitsubishi Montero and Montero Sport Tire and Loading Information Label Recall

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Dear Ms. DeMeter:

Mitsubishi Motors of North America, Inc. (MMNA) submits this letter pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 573.5- Defect and Noncompliance Information Report for certain 2004 Mitsubishi Montero and 2004 Montero Sport vehicles imported and distributed in the United States by MMNA. The vehicle manufacturer, Mitsubishi Motors Corporation (MMC) furnished some of the information provided below. The production of such information should not be construed as an admission that NHTSA, or any other governmental agency, or court, has any jurisdiction over MMC or that MMNA in any way controls or has the ability to control MMC or its documents. Any jurisdictional or related objections in any future proceeding, investigation information or court action are hereby reserved. Accordingly, the following is the information required by 49 C.F.R. Part 573.5.

1. **Manufacturer's Name**
Mitsubishi Motors Corporation

2. **Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**

Make	Line	Model Year(s)	Manufacturing Period
Mitsubishi	Montero	2004	August 20, 2003 through January 29, 2004
Mitsubishi	Montero Sport	2004	August 20, 2003 through January 29, 2004

3. **Total Number of Vehicles**

Montero	Approximately 287
Montero Sport	Approximately 204

4. **Approximate Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing the Noncompliance**
100%

5. **Defect Description**

The vehicle capacity weights as stated on the tire and loading information label of the affected vehicle models are in error and could potentially result in consumers loading their vehicles beyond the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) as originally certified and described on the certification label and in the owners manual.

6. **Chronological Summary of Events Leading to Determination**

MMC discovered that the vehicle capacity weights for the 2004 Montero and Montero Sport had been erroneously calculated upon verification at the 2005 model planning stage. Subsequently, a decision was made to conduct a recall campaign to replace the incorrect tire and loading information label.

7. **Test Results or Data Used to Determine Non-compliance**
N/A



8. Proposed Remedy Description

Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. will conduct a campaign to correct erroneous tire and loading information labels. A letter outlining the problem will be sent to owners along with a new label containing the correct vehicle capacity weights as well as instructions on where to affix the new label. Owners will also be informed that in the event they do not wish to affix the new labels themselves, they will be able to bring their vehicle to a Mitsubishi dealer to have the new label installed free of charge.

9. Notice(s) and Bulletin(s)

The owner notification and technical bulletin drafts will be provided as soon as they are available.

10. Reimbursements

Owners seeking reimbursement for any expenses relating to this recall will be directed in the notification letter to contact Mitsubishi Customer Connections for instructions on how to apply for a refund.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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For Montero



SEATING CAPACITY TOTAL 7 1ST 2 2ND 3 3RD 2

The combined weight of occupants and cargo should never exceed 495 kg or 1091 lbs

ORIGINAL TIRE SIZE	COLD TIRE INFLATION PRESSURE	
265/70R16	FRONT	200kPa, 29PSI
	REAR	200kPa, 29PSI

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For Montero Sport



SEATING CAPACITY TOTAL 5 FRONT 2 REAR 3

The combined weight of occupants and cargo should never exceed 390 kg or 860 lbs

ORIGINAL TIRE SIZE	COLD TIRE INFLATION PRESSURE	
P255/70R16	FRONT	180kPa, 26PSI
	REAR	180kPa, 26PSI

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