

April 19, 2004

Mr. Kenneth N. Weinstein
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance - NSA-01
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, SW - Room 5321
Washington D.C. 20590

Subject: MY 1992 - 1995 Isuzu Trooper -
Accelerator Cable -
Part 573 Defect Information Report

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

On behalf of Isuzu Motors Limited, Japan ("Isuzu Motors"), Isuzu Manufacturing Services of America, Inc. (collectively, "Isuzu") hereby submits this report pursuant to 49 CFR part 573.

572.5 (c)(1)

Manufacturer: Isuzu Motors Limited
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Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo 140-8722 Japan

U.S. Liaison Office: Isuzu Manufacturing Services of America, Inc
46401 Commerce Center Drive
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

U.S. Sales Company: American Isuzu Motors Inc.
(Now known as Isuzu Motors America, Inc.)
13340 183rd Street
Cerritos, California 90703

573.5 (c)(2) (3)(4):

This information is set forth in Attachment 1.

573.5 (c)(5):

Summary: The accelerator cable may stick for several seconds such that the engine speed will not immediately decrease upon release of the accelerator pedal.

Detailed description: After approximately nine or more years of use, the accelerator cable cover in the subject vehicles may deteriorate causing the cable rubber boot to adhere to the inner throttle cable. This can cause the accelerator throttle cable to delay RPM and vehicle speed reduction for several seconds after the accelerator pedal is released, which, in turn, can lead to a crash.

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573.5 (c)(6):

After receiving two reports of a sticking throttle cable from the field in Japan at the end of April 2003, Isuzu Motors initiated an investigation and examined the returned accelerator cables, but was unable to confirm the actual phenomenon or a specific problem at that time. In May 2003 Isuzu Motors requested dealers in Japan to report any owner complaints regarding this issue prior to repairing the parts or problem in question. Isuzu Motors continued its investigation and examined the additional vehicles reported to have had the sticking throttle condition. Isuzu Motors proceeded to conduct detailed design comparison and testing work, and an investigation of the mechanism analysis was completed in the first quarter of 2004. Isuzu Motors concluded from its investigation that after approximately nine or more years of use, the accelerator cable in the subject vehicles could deteriorate and cause the condition described above. Accordingly, Isuzu Motors decided to conduct a recall campaign on April 12, 2004.

573.5 (c)(8):

The throttle cable rubber boot will be replaced with one made with an improved material. Additional information will be set forth in the campaign service bulletin.

Reimbursement

With respect to subject vehicles that were first purchased or leased within ten years of the date of this Part 573 Report, Isuzu will reimburse consumers who have paid for the throttle cable or throttle cable cover to be repaired or replaced as a result of the condition described above. Consistent with the provisions of Section 573.13(d)(4), claimants will be required to submit documentation to verify that they actually incurred the expense for the repair.

573.5 (o)(9) and (10):

Copies of a draft campaign service bulletin and a draft owner letter will be forwarded to NHTSA in the near future. It is presently anticipated that customer notification will begin in or about May 2004.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 734-582-9262 or Christine Ueno of my staff at 734-582-9260.

Sincerely,



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

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Attachments

573.5(c)(2),(3),and (4)

Vehicles Potentially Affected by Make, Model and Model Year plus Inclusive Date of Manufacture

MAKE	MODEL SERIES	MODEL YEAR	NUMBER INVOLVED	INCLUSIVE MANUFACTURING DATES		OTHER DESCRIPTION INFORMATION TO PROPERLY IDENTIFY VEHICLES		EST. NUMBER WITH CONDITION
				FROM	TO	FROM	TO	
Isuzu	Trooper	1992	15,591	February-91	September-92	JACDH58V7N7900012	JACDH58V6N7915679	Less than 5%
		1993	18,088	April-92	August-93	JACDH58W8P7700073	JACDH58V6P7918066	Less than 5%
		1994	33,142	May-93	November-94	JACDH58W0R7900013	JACDH58V0R7933178	Less than 5%
		1995	6,074	March-94	February-95	JACDJ58W4S7900011	JACDJ58V5S7906178	Less than 5%
TOTAL			72,905					