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Re: Defect Information Report

Ms. DeMeter:

In accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR Part 573.5 Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Mitsubishi Motor North America, Inc. (MMNA) hereby furnishes this Defect Information Report, which contains details of a potential defect in certain 2004 model year Endeavor vehicles manufactured by Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.- Manufacturing division.

This report covers vehicles distributed by Mitsubishi Motor North America, Inc. and Mitsubishi Motor Sales of the Caribbean (MMSC).

1. The manufacturer's name:

Mitsubishi Motor Manufacturing of America, Inc.

2. Identification of the vehicles and defect item;

Make	Line	Model Year	Dates of Manufacture
Mitsubishi	Endeavor	2004	2004-3-11 through 2004-4-15

3. Total number of vehicles:

1,627 Mitsubishi 2004 Endeavor Vehicles

4. Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the potential defect:

It is impossible to estimate the actual number of vehicles that contain the defect, however, owners of all potentially affected vehicles will be notified, and those vehicles will be included in this campaign.

5. Description of the defect including summary:

The driver side rear foot bracket may develop a crack after use in the field. A crack in the seat bracket may result in the reduction in strength of the seat anchorages.



6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

During the assembly process a stress crack was found in one of the seat foot brackets at the manufacturing plant. Investigation revealed that the vendor had used metal different from that specified by the drawing. The metal was harder than was appropriate for that application, resulting in a stress riser that may lead to cracking of the bracket over time. As a result it was decided to conduct a recall to replace the seat riser on those vehicles involved.

7. Test results for a noncompliance:

Not applicable.

8. Description of the proposed remedy:

Owners of all affected vehicles will be notified and encouraged to bring their vehicles in for inspection of the seat bracket. Those vehicles, which have suspect brackets, will receive a new seat riser assembly, which contains new brackets.

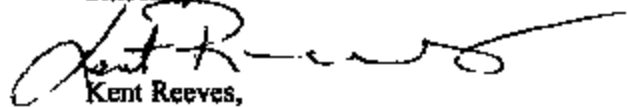
The estimated launch date for customer notification is expected within 30 days, when an appropriate supply of parts becomes available and the customer notification letters and service bulletin are completed. The Mitsubishi Recall number for this campaign will be SR-04-006.

10. Notices, bulletins and communication:

Copies of the owner letters, bulletins will be provided as soon as they are available.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at one of the contact points listed below.

Sincerely,



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