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RE: Defect Information Report for Dashboard Airbag Warning Label and Nativa Sun Visor Airbag Alert Label

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

Mitsubishi Motor Sales Caribbean, Inc. (MMSC) submits this letter to provide our recall plan for certain 1998 – 2004 Mitsubishi model vehicles to provide “dashboard airbag warning labels” and for certain 2000 – 2004 Nativa vehicles to provide new sun visor “Airbag Alert Labels.” Through NHTSA Docket 2004-19217; Notice 2, MMSC has become aware of the denial of portions of our petition for inconsequentiality for these listed vehicles. Accordingly, the 49 C.F.R. Part 573.5 submitted in August 2004 is updated to reflect the recall plan for the vehicles subject to this denial.

Importer Name

Mitsubishi Motors Sales Caribbean

1. Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect

(Removable Airbag Warning Label on the Dash)

Make	Line	Model Year(s)	Manufacturing Period
Mitsubishi	Montero	1998-2004	June, 1997 ~ June, 2004
	Nativa *	1998-2004	June, 1997 ~ February, 2004
	Diamante	1998-2004	July 1997~ March 2004
	Mirage	1999-2002	May, 1997~ November 2001
	Lancer	2002-2004	June, 2001 ~ May, 2004
	3000 GT	1999	June, 1998 ~ January, 1999
	Outlander	2003-2004	August, 2002 ~ June, 2004
	Galant	1999-2003	May 1998 ~ January 2001
	Eclipse	1998-2005	June 1999 ~ September 2003
	Eclipse Spyder	2000-2005	July 2000 ~ August 2004
	Endeavor	2004	February 2003 ~ May 2004

*** 2000-2004MY Nativa vehicles will also receive new Sun Visor Air Bag Alert Labels**

2. Total Number of Vehicles

(Removable Airbag Warning Label on the Dash)

Vehicle Line	Number of Vehicles
	Puerto Rico
Montero	16,945
Nativa *	19,919
Diamante	474
Mirage	23,490
Lancer	10,846
3000GT	8
Outlander	6,715
Galant	3,502
Eclipse	1,182
Eclipse Spyder	84
Endeavor	1,900

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5. Chronological Summary of Events Leading to Determination

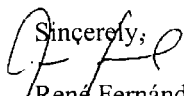
In reviewing the drawings and inspecting actual labels for these caution labels, Mitsubishi determined that the Spanish/English caution label for Puerto Rico do not comply with the message area requirement at FMVSS 208 section S4.5.1. Based on this discovery, Mitsubishi issued a Part 573.5 non-compliance report and advised that a petition for inconsequential non-compliance would be filed. On January 26, 2005, NHTSA denied portions of our "petition", specifically that of the Air Bag Dash Warning Labels and the Nativa Air Bag Alert Labels. Based on this denial, MMSC will fulfill its obligation to notify and remedy the labels as required.

7. Proposed Remedy Description

MMSC will mail a customer notification letter containing a written description and a graphic of the bi-lingual dashboard Air Bag Warning Label (pending approval of the design of the letter/label by ODI) that meets the FMVSS No. 208 size requirements (as identified in response to Question 1.). In addition, all current 2000 – 2004 Nativa owners will also receive replacement Air Bag Alert Labels for the sun visors. The sun visor alert label may take additional time pending the ability to obtain self-applying replacement labels that are "permanent" as defined by FMVSS 208. In the event permanent labels are not available, replacement sun visors may be required.

8. Notice(s) and Bulletin(s)

The owner notification and technical bulletin drafts will be provided as soon as possible. Notification to owners for the dashboard Air Bag Warning Labels should begin within 30 to 45 days. The notification to the Nativa owners should begin within 45 – 60 days pending parts availability.

Sincerely,

René Fernández
Parts & Sales Director