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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5219  
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**Subject: Safety Recall Notification on the Fuel Injection Pipe Clamps;  
Model Years: 2001-2004; Models: FE640, FH210  
MFTA Safety Recall – R3125410 Fuel Injection Pipe Clamps**

Dear Mr. White:

Pursuant to 49 CFR, Part 573, Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc. (MFTA) herewith files a defect and noncompliance information report concerning the fuel injection pipe clamps on certain 2001 through 2004 model year FE640 and FH210 Mitsubishi Fuso trucks for all states. The contents of this report are arranged to follow the sequence set forth in Section 573.5.

The Dealer Recall Information Bulletin and a sample of the letter that will be sent to each Mitsubishi Fuso truck owner affected by this recall will be forwarded to you upon completion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William P. Mohr".

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Enclosure: As stated

Defect and Noncompliance Information Report

1. The manufacturer's name:

Mitsubishi Fuso Truck & Bus Corporation (MFTBC), Japan

2. Identification of the vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment potentially containing the defect or non compliance:

<b>Models</b>	<b>Model Year Range</b>
FE640	2001-2004
FH210	2003-2004

- a) Inclusive dates of manufacture:

<b>Models</b>	<b>Vehicle Production</b>
FE640	June 15, 2000 through July 2, 2003
FH210	January 30, 2002 through July 1, 2003

- b) GVWR or class of truck:

<b>Models</b>	<b>GVWR</b>	<b>Class</b>
FE640	14,500 lbs	4
FH210	17,900 lbs	5

- c) Names of the components:

Fuel injection pipe clamps

3. The total number of vehicles or items of equipment potentially containing the defect or noncompliance, and where available, the number of vehicles or items of equipment in each group identified pursuant to paragraph (c) (2) of the section:

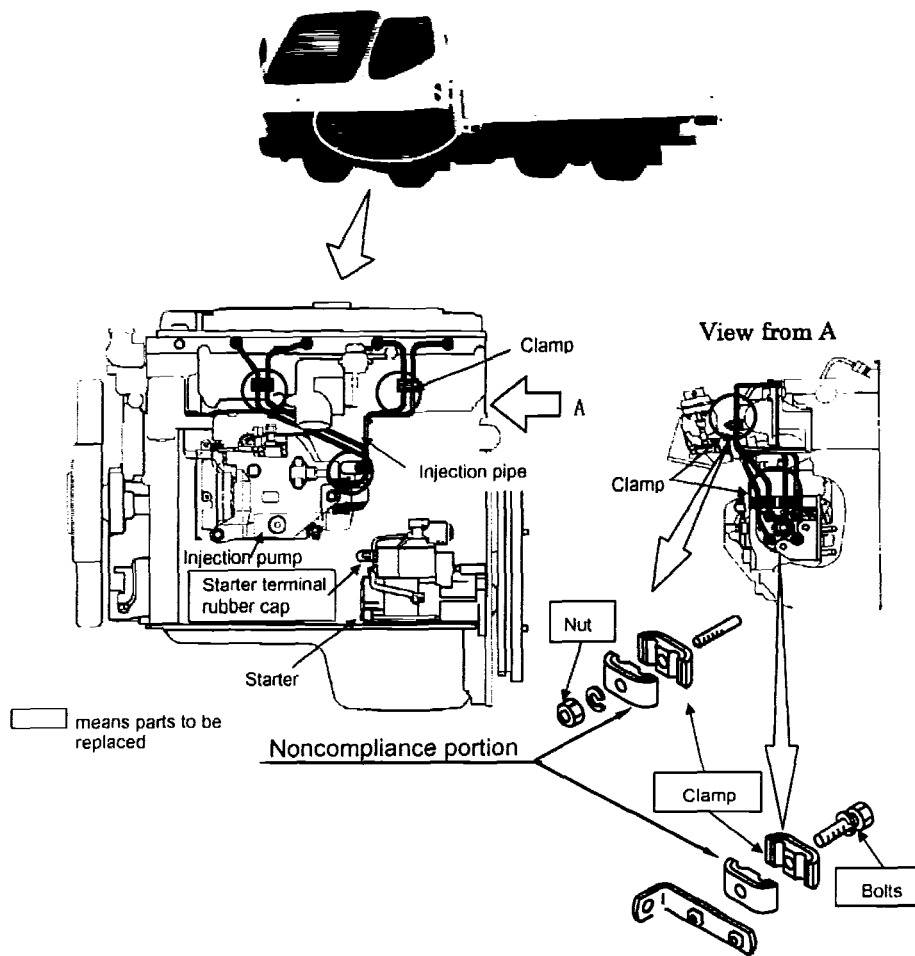
<b>Models</b>	<b># of Vehicles – U.S.</b>	<b># of Vehicles – Canada</b>	
01-04 FE640	2940	73	
03-04 FH210	734	48	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3674</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>3795</b>

4. The percentage of vehicles or items of equipment specified pursuant to paragraph (c) (2) of the section estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance:

Unknown

5. A description of the defect or noncompliance, including both a brief summary and a detailed description, with graphic aids as necessary, of the nature and physical location (if applicable) of the defect or noncompliance:

On affected vehicles, the rubber portion of the fuel injection pipe clamps could deteriorate. Normal vehicle operation could cause the deteriorated clamp to loosen and drop. If this condition occurs in the area of the fuel injection pump, the engine starter could short circuit if the clamp drops onto the starter terminal. This could prevent the engine from starting. In the worst case, excessive heat from the short circuit could cause a fire.



6. In the case of defect, a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their date of receipt:

On September 24, 2004, MFTBC notified MFTA that they had determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety existed and instructed MFTA to perform a safety recall.

After deliberate study of failed sample parts, MFTBC determined that the cause of failure was deterioration of the rubber portion of the fuel injection pipe clamps. These conditions could result in the engine starter short circuiting if the clamp drops onto the starter terminal, preventing the engine from starting. In the worst case, excessive heat from the short circuit could cause a fire.

On March 12, 2004, MFTA received one (1) Warranty Service Claim (WSC) relating to affected vehicles. No Product Quality Reports (PQR) related to affected vehicles have been received. The summary report of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information MFTA has received, with their date of receipt is attached. A copy of the WSC is available upon request. MFTA has not received any notice of accident or injury relating to the subject components.

7. In the case of noncompliance, the test results or other data on the basis of which the manufacturer determined the existence of the noncompliance:

Not applicable.

8. A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance:

Remove each clamp and inspect for rubber deterioration. Replace the clamp if the rubber deterioration is evident. Replace the attaching hardware and apply adhesive to prevent the bolts/nuts from loosening. Inspect for a rubber cap on the starter motor S terminal and install a cap if one is not present, to prevent a short circuit. Install a new label cautioning against dropping clamps/bolts during future fuel injection pump and/or fuel line repair work.

MFTA intends to instruct its Dealer body to initiate a safety recall campaign as soon as the parts and notification become available.

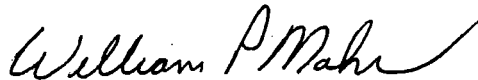
MFTA will inform NHTSA of the campaign schedule as soon as it has been determined.

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer or purchaser:

MFTA will provide NHTSA with a final copy of all related documents when they have been completed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,



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- c: K. Idota (MFTBC)  
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Summary Report of All Warranty Claims, Field or Service Reports,  
and Other Information, with their Date of Receipt

Warranty Service Claims (WSC)

<u>Date of Receipt</u>	<u>MFTA WSC Number</u>
3/12/04	D3060P041

Product Quality Reports (PQR)

<u>Date of Receipt</u>	<u>MFTA PQR Number</u>
N/A	N/A