



U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573

Assigned Recall No. <u>04V-427</u> by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: August 26, 2004

Date Faxed/E-Mailed: September 1, 2004

MANUFACTURER: American Suzuki Motor Corp.

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SUBJECT: 172,093 Suzuki 1999-2003 Grand Vitara, 2004 Vitara, and 2001-2004 Grand Vitara XL-7 passenger vehicles. Under ambient temperatures below -25 degrees Calsius, moisture can freeze in the fuel pressure regulator. As a result, fuel system pressure may increase at the time of engine start up, causing fuel loss at the fuel pipe/fuel hose connection. Suzuki Recall No. 99-ER.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

Please provide us with a draft owner notification letter for our review before mailing to consumers.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin September 20, 2004. Since this will be close to the end of the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call:

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