



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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

Assigned Recall No. **04V-542** by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **November 9,**

Date Faxed/E-Mailed: **November 18, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **Mitsubishi Motor Sales of Caribbean, Inc.**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **René Fernández, Parts & Service Director**

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**SUBJECT: 276 Mitsubishi 1996 Expo, manufactured from May 24, 1996 through July 15, 1996. The length of the radiator upper hose, the holding power on the pipes inserted into the affected hoses is insufficient. Due to engine behavior, forces may pull on the radiator hose and the hose may come out, potentially leading to coolant leakage and subsequent overheating.**

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment 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 along with a date of when the manufacturer became aware of the recall.

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 December 9, 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call:

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