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**Subject: Mitsubishi Fuso Truck & Bus Corporation Foreign Recall Advanced Information
(Substantially Similar Vehicle)**

Dear Mr. White:

On August 30, 2004, Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corporation (MFTBC), Japan advised Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc. (MFTA) that MFTBC has decided to conduct a safety recall campaign in a foreign country involving vehicles that are substantially similar to vehicles offered for sale in the United States. Please see the details of the foreign recall below:

1. Manufacturer's Name

Mitsubishi Fuso Truck & Bus Corporation (MFTBC), Japan

2. Identification of Vehicles/Production Period

- FK415, FK416, FK417, FK418, FK425, FK427, FK445, FK455, FK467, FK515, FK516, FK517, FK518, FK545, FK567, FK603, FK612, FK615, FK616, FK617, FK618, FK619, FK622, FK627, FK628, FK629, FK662, FK666, FK667, FK668, FK672, FK678, FL415, FL417, FL457, FL517, FL618, FL628, FL638, FL639, FM515, FM516, FM517, FM555, FM612, FM616, FM618, FM619, FM622, FM628, FM629, FM652, FM656, FM658, FN612, FN622, FP413, FP415, FP416, FP418, FP515, FT413, FT415, FT515, FU413, FU416, FU419, FU519, FV411, FV415, FV416, FV419, FV519
- Production Period: April 16, 1984 to December 17, 1999
- Model Years: In the Japan domestic medium-duty truck market, vehicles are not identified by model year. The trucks are identified by production date and chassis number only. The chassis number includes the engine serial number, the vehicle model code, and the production date. The trucks are not identified by Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), as they are in the U.S.

3. Number of Vehicles Involved

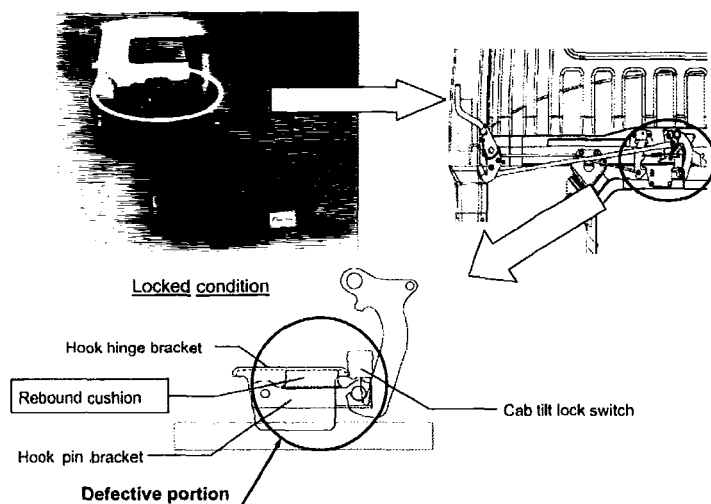
531,907 units (Japan: 246,235; Export: 285,672)

Export Vehicle Details:

ALGERIA	30	EL SALVADOR	35	KAZAKHSTAN	1	NIGER	35	SWITZERLAND	1
ANGOLA	16	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	13	KENYA	4,208	NIGERIA	119	SYRIA	73
ANTIGUA	3	ERITREA	4	KOREA	34,324	NORTH KOREA	399	TAHITI	2
AUSTRALIA	18,919	ETHIOPIA	210	KUWAIT	326	OMAN	954	TAIWAN	16,476
BAHRAIN	222	EUROPE	16	LAOS	250	PAKISTAN	702	TANZANIA	650
BANGLADESH	247	EUROPE DUMMY	1	LIBERIA	5	PALAU	1	THAILAND	48,066
BARBADOS	366	FIJI	166	LIBYA	62	PANAMA	209	TOGO	54
BELGIUM	105	FINLAND	25	MACAO	26	PARAGUAY	1	TONGA	1
BENIN	38	GABON	60	MADAGASCAR	42	PERU	265	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	326
BERMUDA	7	GAMBIA	5	MALAWI	228	PHILIPPINES	2,554	TUNISIA	11
BOLIVIA	36	GEORGIA	1	MALAYSIA	1,839	PORTUGAL	1,871	TURKEY	37
BRUNDI	16	GHANA	281	MALI	3	QATAR	186	U.A.E.	777
BRUNEI	507	GRENADA	5	MARIANAS MARSHALLS & CAROLIN	10	RUSSIA	51	U.S.A.	16,101
BURKINA FASO	22	GUATEMALA	71	MAURITANIA	74	RWANDA	121	UGANDA	412
CAMBODIA	211	GUINEA	6	MAURITIUS	409	SAUDI ARABIA	7,432	URUGUAY	1
CAMEROON	68	GUINEA BISSAU	1	MIDDLE EAST	5	SENEGAL	28	VANUATU	8
CAPE VERDE	10	GUYANA	2	MMC OTHERS	17	SIERRA LEONE	49	VENEZUELA	1,200
CENTRAL AFRICA	56	HAITI	52	MONGOLIA	20	SINGAPORE	9,085	VIETNAM	194
CHINA	33,248	HONDURAS	34	MOROCCO	12,754	SOLOMON ISLANDS	9	W.AFRICA OTHERS	7
COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA	5	HONG KONG	4,590	MOZAMBIQUE	257	SOMALI	17	W.SAMOA	1
COSTA RICA	16	INDIA	24	MYANMAR	239	SOUTH AFRICA	366	YEMEN	275
COTE D'IVOIRE	344	INDONESIA	53,904	NEPAL	53	SRI LANKA	221	ZAIRE	37
CUBA	28	IRAN	40	NETHERLANDS	104	ST. LUCIA	5	ZAMBIA	1,232
DJIBOUTI	41	IRAQ	216	NEW CALEDONIA	10	ST. MARTIN	2	ZIMBABWE	84
DOMINICAN REP.	476	IRELAND	1,040	NEW GUINEA	308	ST. VINCENT	3		
ECUADOR	242	JAMAICA	26	NEW ZEALAND	2,520	SUDAN	451		
EGYPT	202	JORDAN	86	NICARAGUA	20	SURINAM	1		

4. Defect Description

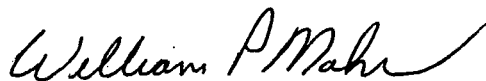
On affected vehicles with a manual cab tilt system, the rebound cushion was manufactured using improper rubber material. The rebound cushion may stick to the hook hinge bracket, preventing the cab tilt warning lamp from illuminating, even if the cab tilt lock is released.



5. Foreign countries where safety recall will be launched:
Japan, and all other countries listed in the table above
6. Safety Recall or other Safety Campaign:
Safety Campaign
7. Recall determination, government or manufacturer:
Manufacturer
8. Remedy
Replace the rebound cushion with a modified assembly and attach a caution label explaining the appropriate tilting procedure and confirmation of the proper locked condition.
9. Date Campaign will start:
Notification to MLIT: September 1, 2004
Notification to vehicle owners: September 2, 2004
10. Substantially Similar Vehicles:
Truck models offered for sale in the U.S. by MFTA that are substantially similar to trucks involved in this campaign are the 1986-1991 FK415, 1992-1995 FK417, 1986-1991 FK455, 1992-1995 FK457, 1996-2004 FK617, 1986-1991 FM555, 1990-1995 FM557, 1996-2004 FM617 and 1996-2004 FM657. **Please Note: The same cab tilting system is used on MFTBC trucks manufactured in Japan and offered for sale by MFTA in the USA. MFTBC will notify MFTA of the details of a recall campaign (or product improvement campaign) for vehicles in the U.S. market shortly.**

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

Sincerely,



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