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Safety Recall
04V-437

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

Dear Mr. White:

This is an update to the notification sent on August 31, 2004. The updates are in bold and underlined text.

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, FL416, FL417, FL457, FL517, FL618, FL628, FL638, FL639, FM515, FM516, FM517, FM565, 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**

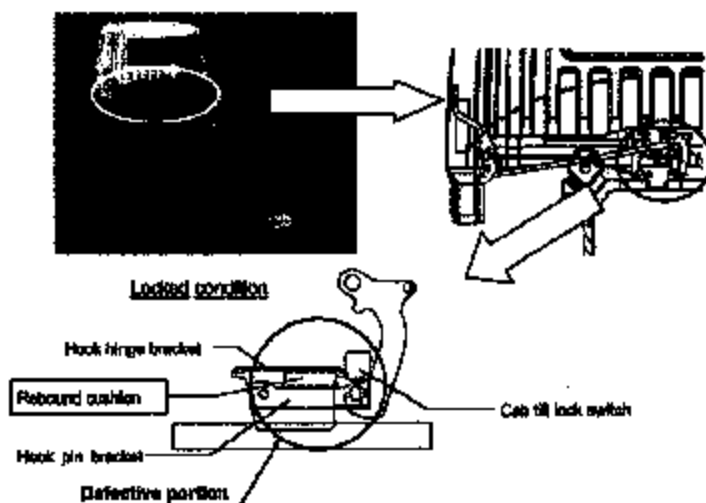
534,057 units (Japan: 248,852; Export: 287,205)

Export Vehicle Details:

ALGERIA	30	EL SALVADOR	35	KAZAKHSTAN	1	NICARAGUA	20	SWITZERLAND	1
ANGOLA	6	EQUADOR	82	KENYA	4288	NIGER	35	SYRIA	75
ANGORA	10	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	3	KOREA	34324	NIGERIA	119	TAHITI	2
ANTIGUA	3	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	10	KUWAIT	331	NORTH KOREA	308	TANZANIA	10528
AUSTRALIA	18181	ERITREA	4	LAOS	250	OMAN	888	TANZANIA	880
BAHRAIN	224	ETHIOPIA	237	LIBERIA	5	PAKISTAN	703	THAILAND	48185
BANGLADESH	247	EUROPE	18	LIBYA	62	PALAU	1	TOGO	64
BARBADOS	388	EUROPE DUMMY	1	M.M. CAROLINE IS.	1	PANAMA	211	TONGA	1
BELGIUM	105	FUJI	188	MACAO	28	PARAGUAY	1	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	334
BENIN	38	FINLAND	25	MADAGASCAR	45	PERU	285	TUNISIA	11
BERMUDA	7	GABON	60	MALAWI	233	PHILIPPINE	108	TURKEY	37
BOLIVIA	55	GAMBIA	8	MALAYSIA	1859	PHILIPPINES	2507	U.A.E.	782
BRUNDI	18	GEORGIA	1	MALI	3	PORTUGAL	1871	U.S.A.(MFTA)	18088
BRUNEI	507	GHANA	281	MARIANAS MARSHALLS & CAROLIN	4	QATAR	188	UGANDA	416
BURKINA FASO	22	GRENADA	5	MARIANAS MARSHALLS CAROLINE	5	RUSSIA	51	URUGUAY	1
CAMBODIA	211	GUATEMALA	71	MAURITANIA	74	RWANDA	121	VANUATU	6
CAMEROON	88	GUINEA	8	MAURITIUS	415	SAUDI ARABIA	7944	VENEZUELA	1203
CAPE VERDE	10	GUINEA BISSAU	1	MIDDLE EAST	5	SENEGAL	28	VIETNAM	187
CENTRAL AFRICA	58	GUYANA	2	MNC OTHERS	17	SERRA LEONE	48	W.AFRICA OTHERS	7
CHINA	30584	HAITI	62	MONGOLIA	20	SINGAPORE	8139	W.BAMOA	1
CHINA (MODIFICATION)	2888	HONDURAS	34	MOROCCO	12888	SOLOMON ISLANDS	8	YEMAN	2
COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA	5	HONG KONG	4580	MOZAMBIQUE	271	SOMALI	17	YEMEN	275
COSTA RICA	18	INDIA	24	MYANMAR	188	SOUTH AFRICA (FMS/SA)	384	ZAIRE	37
COTE D'IVOIRE	352	INDONESIA	53805	MYANMAR	43	SRI LANKA	247	ZAMBIA	1233
CUBA	28	IRAN	40	NEPAL	53	ST. LUCIA	5	ZIMBABWE	84
DJIBOUTI	38	IRAQ	218	NETHERLANDS	184	ST. MARTIN	2		
DOMINICAN REP.	478	IRELAND	1040	NEW CALEDONIA	10	ST. VINCENT	3		
EQUADOR	149	JAMAICA	28	NEW GUINEA	358	SUDAN	628		
EGYPT	202	JORDAN	88	NEW ZEALAND	2882	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 1988-1991 FK415, 1992-1995 FK417, 1988-1991 FK455, 1992-1995 FK457, 1998-2004 FK617, 1988-1991 FM555, 1990-1995 FM557, 1998-2004 FM617 and 1998-2004 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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