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

Dear Mr. White:

On September 21, 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 in foreign countries 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

- FK61F, FK61H, FK64F, FK64H, FK71H, FK74H, FM62F, FM62H, FN61F, FP50J, FP50K, FP50L, FP50M, FP510, FP511, FP512, FP514, FP515, FP540, FP541, FP542, FP549, FP54J, FP54L, FP54M, FP55J, FQ61F, FS50J, FS50K, FS50M, FS510, FS511, FS519, FS540, FS54J, FS55J, FT50J, FT50K, FT510, FT515, FT517, FT527, FT54J, FU50J, FU50K, FU50M, FU510, FU515, FU517, FU519, FU540, FU54J, FU54M, FU66J, FV500, FV501, FV502, FV505, FV509, FV50J, FV50K, FV50L, FV50M, FV50N, FV513, FV514, FV515, FV54J, FY50J, FY50K, FY50M, FY517, FY54J, MM33H, MM35H, MM85F, MM86F, MP317, MP33J, MP35J, MP37J, MP717, MP737, MP747, MS815, MS822, MS829, MS85K, MS88M, MU612
Production period: Japan: March 2, 2000 to September 15, 2004 Export: March 2, 2000 to September 13, 2004.

3. Number of Vehicles Involved:

86,587 units (Japan: 56,229; Export 30,358)

Table with 6 columns and 24 rows listing countries and vehicle counts. Includes Australia (2407), China (4257), Hong Kong (1067), Indonesia (8), Korea (1), Philippines (1), Saudi Arabia (1903), Singapore (1873), Taiwan (7879), Thailand (22), Turkey (867), U.S.A. (MFTA) (2892), Algeria (23), Angola (10), Antigua (1), Bahrain (61), Barbados (1), Brunei (1), Cote d'Ivoire (12), Dominican Rep. (158), Ecuador (1), Eritrea (1), Ethiopia (82), Guatemala (17), India (2), Iraq (36), Jamaica (1), Jordan (35), Kenya (28), Kuwait (7), Laos (19), Malawi (30), Malaysia (308), Mauritania (2), Mauritius (64), Mongolia (10), Morocco (3282), Mozambique (21), Nepal (3), New Caledonia (1), New Zealand (1188), Niger (1), North Korea (2), Oman (110), Panama (624), Philippines (66), South Africa (DCCA) (8), Sri Lanka (63), St. Vincent (2), Sudan (363), Tanzania (53), Trinidad & Tobago (132), U.A.E. (34), Uganda (75), Venezuela (9), and Vietnam (43).



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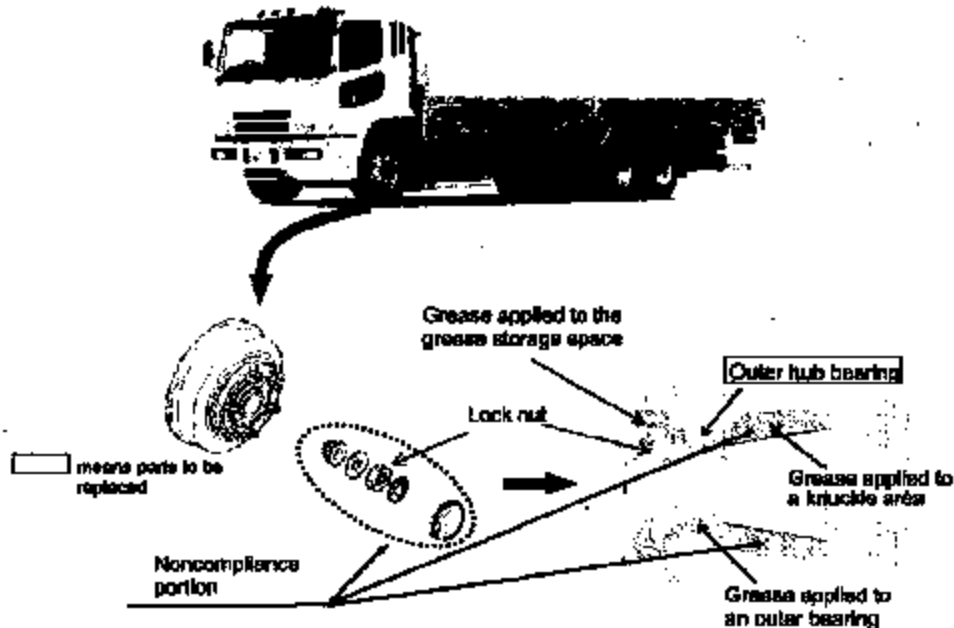
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4. Defect Description

On affected vehicles using an F060T or F070T front axle, the front wheel hub outer bearing lock nut may have been improperly tightened during initial assembly, and an insufficient amount of grease may have been applied to the outer bearing. These conditions could result in the outer bearing generating excessive heat and/or breaking, causing the vehicle to become disabled. In the worst case, the excessive heat could cause a fire.



5. Foreign countries where safety recall will be launched:

Japan

6. Safety Recall or other Safety Campaign:

Safety Recall

7. Recall determination, government or manufacturer:

Manufacturer

8. Remedy

Inspect the front wheel hub outer bearing for damage and replace the bearing if damage exists. Apply the proper amount of wheel bearing grease to the outer bearing, and tighten the lock nut to the proper specification.

9. Date Campaign will start:

Notification to MLIT: September 22, 2004

Notification to vehicle owners: September 24, 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 1996-2004 FM617, 1996-2004 FM657, 2005 FM61F, 2005 FM64F and 2005 FM65F. **Please Note: MFTBC trucks manufactured in Japan and offered for sale by MFTA in the U.S. use the same type of front wheel hub bearing, and are affected by this recall. MFTBC has notified MFTA of the details of a recall campaign. MFTA currently is preparing to conduct a safety recall in the U.S. and Canada.**

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

Sincerely,



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