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MITSUBISHI FUSO TRUCK OF AMERICA, INC.
2015 CENTER SQUARE ROAD
LOGAN TOWNSHIP NJ 08085

NVS-215
05V-304

Subject: AISIN AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION SHIFT LINKAGE

Dear MR. MOHR:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

MITSUBISHI FUSO/FE639/1999-2004
MITSUBISHI FUSO/FE640/2001-2004
MITSUBISHI FUSO/FE649/1999-2004
MITSUBISHI FUSO/FG639/1999-2004
MITSUBISHI FUSO/FH210/2003-2004

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-304

Recall Date: June 28, 2005

Components:

POWER TRAIN:AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION:LEVER AND LINKAGE:FLOOR SHIFT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 15,549

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MEDIUM DUTY TRUCKS, RUST BUILD-UP ON THE AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION (A/T) SHIFT LINKAGE MAY CAUSE THE LINKAGE TO BIND. RUST BUILD-UP IS ACCELERATED IN GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS THAT ARE SITUATED NEAR LARGE BODIES OF SALT WATER, OR IN REGIONS WITH HEAVY SNOW/ICE MELTING COMPOUND USAGE IN WINTER MONTHS.

Consequence:

THE EFFORT REQUIRED TO OPERATE THE A/T SHIFT CONTROL LEVER MAY INCREASE IF THE LINKAGE BINDS DUE TO RUST BUILD-UP. THE SHIFT CONTROL LEVER MAY BECOME INOPERATIVE, OR THE TRANSMISSION GEAR POSITION INDICATED ON THE INSTRUMENT PANEL MAY NOT MATCH THE ACTUAL GEAR SELECTION AT THE TRANSMISSION.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL A MODIFIED A/T SHIFT CONTROL LEVER ASSEMBLY. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT MITSUBISHI FUSO AT 1-856-467-4500.

Notes:

MITSUBISHI FUSO RECALL NO. C0028810. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
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Enforcement