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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Subject: TURBO CHARGER COOLANT HOSE

Dear MR. REEVES:

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/LANCER EVOLUTION/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-335 Recall Date: July 25, 2005

Components:

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: COOLING SYSTEM: HOSE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,179

Summary:

ON CERTAIN PASSENGER VEHICLES, THE TURBO CHARGER COOLANT HOSE WAS INCORRECTLY MANUFACTURED, AND MAY ALLOW COOLANT LEAKAGE.

Consequence:

IF A LEAK OCCURS DURING VEHICLE OPERATION WHEN THE MANIFOLD IS HOT, COOLANT MAY IGNITE AND CAUSE A VEHICLE FIRE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE TURBO CHARGER COOLANT HOSE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON AUGUST 15, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT MITSUBISHI AT 888-648-7820.

Notes:

MITSUBISHI RECALL NO. SR-05-004. 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.

Please provide the date of when the manufacturer became aware of the recall.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

Regulations require manufacturers conducting safety recalls to include the NHTSA Vehicle Safety Hotline phone number in their notification letters to owners [49 CFR 577.5(g)(1)(vii)]. That phone number has changed, and in a technical amendment to the regulation published in the June 21, 2005 Federal Register [70 FR 35556] manufacturers' owner letters must contain the new phone number and the NHTSA's web address. Accordingly, beginning July 21, 2005, please revise your owner letters to include the following statement. "A statement informing the owner that he or she may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; or *call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to http://www.safercar.gov.*"

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).

As stated in Part 573.7, 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, owner notification is expected to begin on August 15, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 30, 2005.

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.

George H. Person

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

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