



U.S. Department
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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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

NVS-215
05V-411

Subject: IDLER GEAR BUSHING

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/FE640/2004
MITSUBISHI FUSO/FH210/2004

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-411

Mfg's Report Date: September 13, 2005

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 301

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS, THE CYLINDER HEAD IDLER GEAR BUSHING MAY HAVE BEEN IMPROPERLY MACHINED, CAUSING EXCESSIVE STRESS ON THE CYLINDER HEAD GEAR SHAFT.

Consequence:

CONTINUED OPERATION IN THIS CONDITION COULD CAUSE THE IDLER GEAR SHAFT FLANGE TO BREAK AND GENERATE ABNORMAL ENGINE NOISE AND/OR ENGINE OIL LEAKS. IN THE WORST CASE, THE ENGINE COULD STALL AND WOULD NOT RESTART, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL MEASURE THE INSIDE DIAMETER OF THE CYLINDER HEAD IDLER GEAR BUSHING. IF THE BUSHING IS OUT OF SPECIFICATION, DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE IDLER GEAR BUSHING, IDLER GEAR SHAFT, AND IDLER GEAR ASSEMBLY. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING NOVEMBER 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT MITSUBISHI FUSO AT 1-856-467-4500.

Notes:

MITSUBISHI FUSO RECALL NO. R3150510. 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).

The information in your defect or noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirement of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

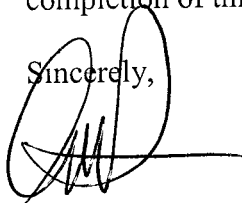
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers.

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).

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 November 23, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2006.

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
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement