

#### AMERICAN SUZUKI MOTOR CORPORATION

January 28, 2005

050-022 (3 Parges)

Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 400 7th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20590

The following information is submitted in accordance with the defect reporting regulations in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 573.

1. Name of Manufacturer and Importer

Manufacturer: GM Daewoo Auto & Technology Company Importer: American Suzuki Motor Corporation

2. Identification of Motor Vehicles Involved

Affected vehicles are certain 2004 model year Suzuki Forenza and 2004 model year Suzuki Verona passenger cars. Inclusive dates of manufacture for affected Suzuki Forenza vehicles are from July 2, 2003 through July 8, 2004. Inclusive dates of manufacture for affected Suzuki Verona vehicles are from August 4, 2003 through April 20, 2004.

3. Total Number of Motor Vehicles Involved

37,796

4. Percentage of Motor Vehicles Estimated to Contain the Defect

100%

## 5. Description of Defect

The stop lamp switch may become misadjusted if an upward/rearward force is applied to the brake pedal. The electrical contacts in a misadjusted stop lamp switch may not open when the brake pedal is at its natural rest position, causing the stop lamps to remain illuminated continuously without service brake pedal application, with the ignition on or off. This condition will also cause Cruise Control and Traction Control Systems (if equipped) to be disabled. If the ignition switch is turned off when this condition exists, the battery will become discharged within about 3 hours.

## 6. Chronology of Principal Events

October 7, 2003 - A technical report was sent from American Suzuki Motor Corporation ("ASMC") to GMDAT.

November 11, 2003 - The condition was identified by the GMDAT assembly plant Global Customer Audit.

January 25, 2005 - The decision was made to conduct a safety-related recall.

## 7. Description of Corrective Action

ASMC will conduct a safety-related recall campaign to replace the stop lamp switch on affected vehicles with an improved switch. ASMC currently anticipates that it will notify Suzuki dealers about the recall by February 4th 2005, and will notify owners of affected vehicles about the recall in the middle of March 2005.

Since the cost of any pre-notification repairs would have been covered under warranty, we understand that it is not necessary to specify a reimbursement plan or notify owners about eligibility for reimbursement of the cost of pre-notification repairs.

## 8. Copy of Notices

Enclosed is a copy of the intial notification letter that Suzuki Motor Corporation sent to ASMC. Copies of other notices will be provided when they have been finalized.

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# 9. Suzuki Campaign Number

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Sincerely,

AMERICAN SUZUKI MOTOR CORPORATION

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Date: 25/January/2005

TO : AMERICAN SUZUKI MOTOR CORPORATION

SUZUKI CANADA INC.

ATTN: Mr. K. Suzuki, President

Mr. M. Harano, President

CC: Mr. S. Ishikawa, Executive Director Service

Mr. M. Nagano, Director

Mr. R. Suzuki, Government Relation Manager

# RE: '04MY VERONA & FORENZA / SAFETY-RELATED RECALL CAMPAIGN FOR STOP LAMP SWITCH

Dear Sirs.

We regret to inform you that certain '04MY Verona vehicles of the production from August 2003 to April 2004 and all the '04MY Forenza of the production from July 2003 to July 2004 may have a production problem.

### 1. CONDITION

Suzuki Motor Corp. has decided to conduct a Safety-related Recall Campaign because the stop lamp switch may become misadjusted if an upward/rearward force is applied to the brake pedal. The electrical contacts in a misadjusted stop lamp switch may not open when the brake pedal is at its natural rest position, causing the stop lamps to remain illuminated continuously without service brake pedal application, with the ignition on or off. This condition will also cause Cruise Control and Traction Control Systems (if equipped) to be disabled. If the ignition switch is turned off when this condition exists, the battery will become discharged within about 3 hours.

### 2. AFFECTED VEHICLES

1) Model

GMDAT certain '04MY VERONA & all '04MY FORENZA

2) Number of Affected Vehicle

TOTAL: 38,596 units

VERONA 14,403 units (ASMC 13,603 units, SCI 800 units)

FORENZA 24,193 units (ASMC 24,193 units)



### 3) Countries

United States and Canada

### 3. ACTION

Please nortify the applicable customers of this campaign, and also request all the relevant dealers to kindly replace the stop lamp switch on affected vehicles with an improved switch.

### 4. PARTS SUPPLY PLAN

For the supply of the improved switch, please consult GMDAT.

### 5. DISTRIBUTOR'S/DEALER'S STOCK

For the distributor's or dealer's current stock of the early type stop lamp switch, please have them disposed.

The campaign cost is to be born by the responsible party according to SUPPLY AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT.

We are very sorry for causing inconvenience to you. Your cooperation and assistance will be highly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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