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Re: Defect Information Report

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Ms. DeMeter:

In accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR Part 573.5 Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Mitsubishi Motor North America, Inc. (MMNA) hereby furnishes this Defect Information Report, which contains details of a potential defect in certain 2004 –2005 model year Endeavor vehicles manufactured by Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.- Manufacturing division.

This report covers vehicles distributed by Mitsubishi Motor North America, Inc. and Mitsubishi Motor Sales of the Caribbean (MMSC).

1. The manufacturer’s name:

Mitsubishi Motor Manufacturing of America, Inc.

2. Identification of the vehicles and defect item;

<u>Make</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>
Mitsubishi	Endeavor	2004-2005	2004-03-11 through 2005-01-07

3. Total number of vehicles:

62,905 USA Mitsubishi
2,531 Puerto Rico
65,436 Total

4. Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the potential defect:

It is impossible to estimate the actual number of vehicles that contain the defect, however, owners of all potentially affected vehicles will be notified, and those vehicles will be included in this campaign.

5. Description of the defect including summary:

The parking brake pedal cable lock nut may not have been tightened to the proper torque specification. In this condition, the lock nut may loosen and come off, which will reduce the effectiveness of the parking brake. This condition could allow the vehicle to roll if the transmission is not placed into the “park” position and the vehicle is parked on a slope, thus raising the possibility of a crash.



6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

On January 7, 2005, ADVICS North America, the supplier for the park brake assembly used on the 2004~2005 Endeavor, notified Mitsubishi Motors North America manufacturing that the lock nuts on certain park brake assemblies produced by their production facility for another customer had not have been torqued to the proper specifications, and that the lock nut had loosened, which allowed the park brake over time to lose its effectiveness. ADVICS advised Mitsubishi that this condition also could affect Mitsubishi's similar parking brake assemblies. Mitsubishi checked warranty data and found 4 warranty claims that indicated that the locking nuts had fallen off. As a result, it was decided to launch this safety recall to check the torque on the locking nuts for all of the affected vehicles.

7. Test results for a noncompliance:

Not applicable.

8. Description of the proposed remedy:

Owners of all affected vehicles will be notified and encouraged to bring their vehicles in for inspection and tightening if necessary of the parking brake cable lock nut.

The estimated Dealer notification date is March 25, 2005 with Owner notification following on April 1, 2005. The Mitsubishi Recall number for this campaign will be SR-05-001.

10. Notices, bulletins and communication:

Copies of the owner letters, bulletins will be provided as soon as they are available.

11. Reimbursements:

Owners seeking reimbursement for any expenses relating to this recall will be directed in the notification letter to contact Mitsubishi Customer Relations for instructions on how to apply for a refund.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at one of the contact points listed below.

Sincerely,



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