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**Subject: Safety Recall Notification on the 4M50 Idler Gear Bushing;
Model Years: 2004; Models: FE640, FH210
MFTA Safety Recall – R3150510 4M50 Idler Gear Bushing**

Dear Mr. Person:

Pursuant to 49 CFR, Part 573, Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc. (MFTA) herewith files a defect and noncompliance information report concerning the 4M50 engine idler gear bushing on certain 2004 model year FE640 and FH210 Mitsubishi Fuso trucks for all states. The contents of this report are arranged to follow the sequence set forth in Section 573.5.

The Dealer Recall Information Bulletin and a sample of the letter that will be sent to each Mitsubishi Fuso truck owner affected by this recall will be forwarded to you upon completion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William P. Mohr".

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Enclosure: As stated

Defect and Noncompliance Information Report

1. The manufacturer's name:

Mitsubishi Fuso Truck & Bus Corporation (MFTBC), Japan

2. Identification of the vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment potentially containing the defect or noncompliance:

Models	Model Year Range
FE640	2004
FH210	2004

- a) Inclusive dates of manufacture:

Models	Vehicle Production
FE640	April 1, 2003 through July 2, 2003
FH210	April 1, 2003 through July 4, 2003

- b) GVWR or class of truck:

Models	GVWR	Class
FE640	14,500 lbs.	4
FH210	17,900 lbs.	5

- c) Names of the components:

Idler gear bushing

3. The total number of vehicles or items of equipment potentially containing the defect or noncompliance, and where available, the number of vehicles or items of equipment in each group identified pursuant to paragraph (c) (2) of the section:

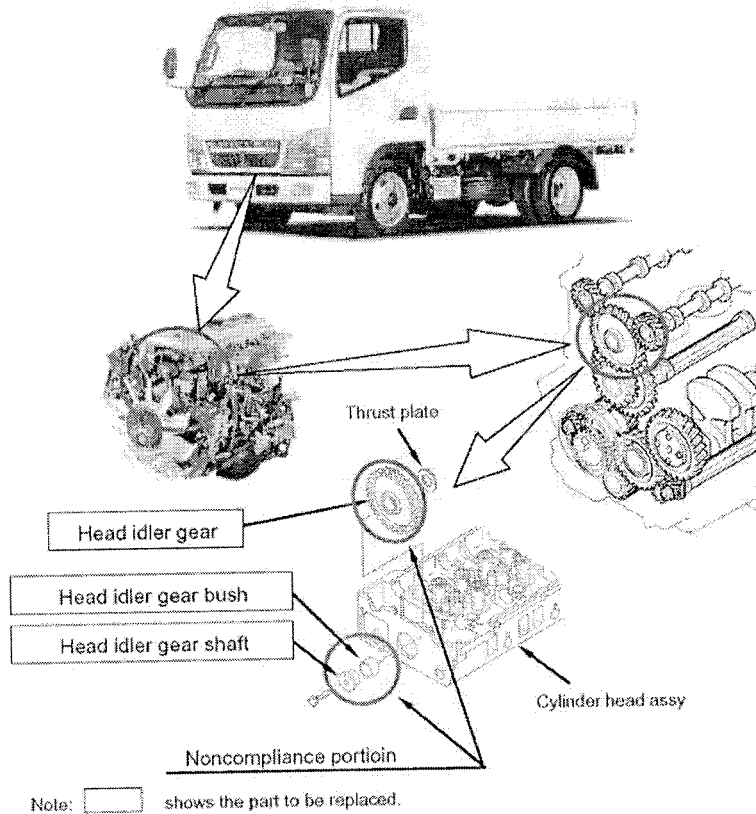
Models	# of Vehicles – U.S.	# of Vehicles – Canada	
'04 FE640	164	7	
'04 FH210	137	13	
Totals	301	20	321

4. The percentage of vehicles or items of equipment specified pursuant to paragraph (c) (2) of the section estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance:

Unknown

5. A description of the defect or noncompliance, including both a brief summary and a detailed description, with graphic aids as necessary, of the nature and physical location (if applicable) of the defect or noncompliance:

On affected vehicles, the cylinder head idler gear bushing may have been improperly machined, causing excessive stress on the cylinder head idler gear shaft. 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.



6. In the case of defect, a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their date of receipt:

On September 7, 2005, MFTBC notified MFTA that they had determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety existed and instructed MFTA to perform a safety recall.

After deliberate study of failed sample parts, MFTBC determined that the cause of failure was improperly machined cylinder head idler gear bushing. 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.

MFTA received zero (0) Warranty Service Claims (WSC) and zero (0) Product Quality Reports (PQR) relating to affected vehicles. MFTA has not received any notice of accident or injury relating to the subject components.

7. In the case of noncompliance, the test results or other data on the basis of which the manufacturer determined the existence of the noncompliance:
- Not applicable.
8. A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance:
- Measure the inside diameter of the cylinder head idler gear bushing. If the bushing is out of specification, replace the idler gear bushing, idler gear shaft and idler gear assembly.
- MFTA will instruct its Dealer body to initiate a safety recall campaign as soon as the parts and notification become available.
- Following is MFTA's proposed campaign schedule:
- Estimated parts arrival date: 11/12/05
Estimated dealer notification: 11/18/05
Estimated start of customer notification: 11/23/05
9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer or purchaser:
- MFTA will provide NHTSA with a final copy of all related documents when they have been completed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,



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