



AMERICAN SUZUKI MOTOR CORPORATION

October 3, 2005

Mr. Ronald Medford
Senior Administrator for Vehicle Safety
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

RECEIVED
NV5-215
2005 OCT -5 A 9:49
OFFICE OF
DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

05V-452
(7 pages)

Dear Mr. Medford:

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: Suzuki Motor Corporation
Importer: Suzuki Del Caribe, Inc.

2. Identification of Motor Vehicles Involved

Affected vehicles are 1999-2005 Suzuki Grand Vitara and 2001-2006 Suzuki Grand Vitara XL-7 multipurpose passenger vehicles produced from February, 1998 to August, 2005, which were equipped with 16-inch wheels and were shipped to dealers on St. Thomas Island (one of the U.S. Virgin Islands).

3. Total Number of Motor Vehicles Involved

1,673

4. Percentage of Motor Vehicles Estimated to Contain the Defect

100%

5. Description of Defect

Frequently repeated driving, on a regular basis, down extremely steep paved roads (8 to 18 degrees, over a vertical drop of 400 meters), with continuous brake application for 3 to 4 minutes, can lead to breakage of the front brake rotor.

6. Chronology of Principal Events

5/03 to 5/05 - Suzuki Motor Corporation received and investigated sporadic reports, primarily from distributors in Columbia, Ecuador, and Puerto Rico¹, of front brake rotor breakage.

7. Description of Corrective Action

Suzuki will conduct a safety-related recall campaign in St. Thomas (U.S. Virgin Islands), to replace the front brake rotors on affected vehicles with improved parts. Suzuki Del Caribe, Inc. currently anticipates that it will notify dealers of the recall on October 6, 2005, by electronic mail, and will notify owners at the end of October, 2005.

Enclosed is a copy of Suzuki Del Caribe's plan for reimbursing owners and purchasers who incurred costs for remedies in advance of recall notification.

8. Copy of Notices

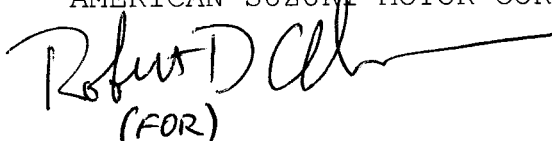
Enclosed is a copy of the initial notification letter sent from Suzuki Motor Corporation to Suzuki Del Caribe, Inc., the Suzuki distributor in Puerto Rico that is authorized to distribute vehicles in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Also enclosed is a copy of the draft owner notification letter for the recall campaign. Copies of other notices will be provided when they have been finalized.

9. Suzuki Campaign Number

99-HQ

Sincerely,

AMERICAN SUZUKI MOTOR CORPORATION



(FOR)

Kenneth M. Bush
Associate Director, Government Relations

¹ All of the reports from Puerto Rico were for incidents on St. Thomas Island.

**CUSTOMER REIMBURSEMENT PLAN
Suzuki Del Caribe, Inc.**

If your vehicle is included in the recall and you have paid for the repair or replacement of the front brake disc(s), you may be eligible for full or partial reimbursement. Suzuki's reimbursement plan covers certain Grand Vitara and Grand Vitara XL-7 vehicles produced from February 1998 to August, 2005. Please note the following for which Suzuki may exclude reimbursement:

- Only repairs that are the subject of the safety recall are reimbursable. Additional expenses such as towing, rental, accommodations, damage repairs, etc will not be reimbursed.
- Reimbursement may be limited to suggested list price on parts and the Suzuki published flat rate time allowance.
- An owner will not be eligible for reimbursement if the expenses for repairs are performed more than 10 days after the date of the last owner notification letter sent by Suzuki.
- Reimbursement claims may also be excluded when adequate documentation is not submitted by the claimant. Your authorized Suzuki dealer will request an original or copy of your receipt for the recall repair or replacement, and your owner notification letter.

To obtain information or request reimbursement, contact your Suzuki dealer or contact Suzuki del Caribe, Inc. at 787-622-0600, fax 787-622-0669.



SUZUKI MOTOR CORPORATION
Service Department
Overseas Automobile Field Service Group
Tel: 81-53-440-2363, Fax: 81-53-440-2251

Ref. #: TS050926
Date: September 26, 2005

To: Suzuki Distributor
Attn.: Managing director
Automobile Service Director / Manager

SUBJECT : Vitara and Grand Vitara:

Safety Recall Campaign for Front Brake Disc Replacement

Dear Sirs,

We regret to inform you that certain SQ420XD, SQ420W, SQ420WD, JA420WD, SQ625W and JA627W vehicles produced in February 1995 to August 2005 at IWATA factory in Japan may have a production failure.

Therefore, we would like to request you to kindly take the following actions below.

1. CONDITION

Suzuki Motor Corp. has decided to conduct a Safety Recall Campaign because certain SQ420XD, SQ420W, SQ420 WD, JA420WD, SQ625W and JA627W model vehicles (which has 16 inches wheel) are already exported to your country, they may have a Front Brake Disc breakage under only the severe driving condition. The breakage can occur in condition where the vehicle is driven descending an extremely steep down-slope of 8 to 18 degrees locating a vertical drop of 400M for a period of 3 to 4 minutes continuously by applying the brake, and also when the vehicle is driven under this condition in a regular basis.

2. AFFECTED VEHICLE INFORMATION

- 1) Total number of potentially affected vehicles
2,202 units
- 2) Affected Vehicles actually exported to your country
SQ420XD, SQ420W, SQ420WD, JA420WD, SQ625W and JA627W vehicles
produced in February 1995 to August 2005 at IWATA factory in Japan

3. ACTION

You are kindly requested to replace the Front brake Discs (Right and Left) with the improved one.

4. REPLACEMENT PARTS SUPPLY PLAN

For the countermeasure parts, SMC will send the following parts free of charge basis in the period of October 2005 to December 2005.

NO.	PART NUMBER	PART NAME	Q'TY/VEHICLE
1	55211-65D21 55211-65D30	Front Brake Disc	2

Remarks; The reason why two part numbers are applicable is only because of supplying vendor difference. The part is actually exactly same.

5. WARRANTY REIMBURSEMENT

We will provide a labor allowance of 1.0 hour per one vehicle.

Please submit the warranty claim application under the following terms to SMC.

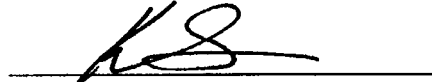
- Claim Category : 2 (Campaign Claim)
- Trouble Code : 99-HQ
- Operation Code : MK9999/ 1.0 hour per one vehicle
- Causal Part Number / Q'ty : 55211-65D13 / 0 pc

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

Sincerely yours,



Tamotsu Shimizu
Assistant Manager
Overseas Automobile Service Group



Ken Saito
Group Leader
Overseas Automobile Service Group

Attachment:

ANNEX 1 : Replacement Procedure of Front Brake Disc

ANNEX 3

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

Dear SUZUKI Owner,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Suzuki Motor Corporation has decided that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Grand Vitara and Grand Vitara XL-7 vehicles manufactured from February 1998 through August, 2005. According to our records, you are the owner of one of these vehicles.

Suzuki Motor Corporation has determined that the front brake discs of the identified vehicles may break under severe driving conditions. The breakage can occur in conditions where the vehicle is driven on a regular basis on extremely steep paved down-slopes while continuously applying the brakes. In the worst case, the front brakes may become inoperative and the vehicle may pull to one side. This could result in a crash without prior warning.

Your Suzuki dealer will replace the front brake discs on your vehicle. This service will be performed at no cost to you for parts and labor. To minimize the risk of injury or death, do not drive your vehicle on steep down slopes prior to having the recall repair performed.

We kindly request you to contact your authorized Suzuki dealer to schedule an appointment for this safety recall. Instructions have already been sent to your dealer. The recall service, if you have an appointment, can be completed in about one hour (1.0) depending on the vehicle's condition. Additional time may be required to schedule and process your vehicle. If your dealer has a large number of vehicles awaiting service, this additional time may be significant. Please ask your dealer how much additional time may be needed. If it is necessary for your dealer to order parts to perform the recall service, you may have to leave your vehicle with the dealer overnight, so check with your dealer. When you pick up your repaired vehicle, please allow a few extra minutes for your dealer to prepare and complete the necessary warranty paperwork with you.

If you no longer own this vehicle, please contact Suzuki del Caribe, Inc. at 787-622-0600, fax 787-622-0669 or contact an authorized Suzuki dealer and provide the change of ownership information.

If your dealer does not make the inspection/repair free of charge and/or within a reasonable period of time, we recommend you to contact Suzuki del Caribe, Inc. at 787-622-0600. You will need to have your Vehicle Identification Number ready when calling.

If you believe that (1) Suzuki del Caribe, Inc. or your Suzuki dealer has failed to or is unable to perform the recall service without charge, or (2) you believe Suzuki del Caribe, Inc. has failed to or is unable to perform the recall procedure to your vehicle within a reasonable period of time after you first brought your vehicle to your Suzuki dealer, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington,

D.C. 20590 or call the toll free the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

If your vehicle is included in the safety recall campaign and you have paid for the repair or replacement of the front brake disc(s), you may be eligible for full or partial reimbursement. Please note the following for which Suzuki may exclude reimbursement:

- Only repairs that are the subject of the safety recall are reimbursable. Additional expenses such as towing, rental, accommodations, damage repairs, etc will not be reimbursed.
- Reimbursement may be limited to suggested list price on parts and the Suzuki published flat rate time allowance.
- An owner will not be eligible for reimbursement if the expenses for repairs are performed more than 10 days after the date of the last owner notification letter sent by Suzuki.
- Reimbursement claims may also be excluded when adequate documentation is not submitted by the claimant. Your authorized Suzuki dealer will request an original or copy of your receipt for the recall repair or replacement, and your owner notification letter.

To obtain information or request reimbursement, contact your Suzuki dealer or Suzuki del Caribe, Inc. at 787-622-0600, fax 787-622-0669.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience this safety recall campaign may cause, but we are certain you understand our interest in your safety and your continued satisfaction with Suzuki products.

Sincerely,

Suzuki del Caribe, Inc.