



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

*September 8, 2006*

KENT REEVES  
NATIONAL MANAGER, PRODUCT  
SUPPORT & TECHNICAL COMPLIANCE  
MITSUBISHI MOTORS NORTH AMERICA, INC.  
6400 KATELLA  
CYPRESS CA 90630

NVS-215  
06V-334

Subject: FRONT CROSSMEMBER

Dear MR. REEVES:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**  
MITSUBISHI/ECLIPSE/2007  
MITSUBISHI/ECLIPSE SPYDER/2007

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 06V-334

**Mfg's Report Date:** August 31, 2006

**Components:** STRUCTURE: FRAME AND MEMBERS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,516

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN PASSENGER VEHICLES, THE METAL FORMING PART OF THE FRONT CROSSMEMBER MAY HAVE BEEN IMPROPERLY STAMPED RESULTING IN THE METAL BECOMING THINNER IN CROSS-SECTION THAN SPECIFIED. THIS COULD, OVER TIME, RESULT IN BREAKAGE OF THE CROSSMEMBER.

**Consequence:**

BREAKAGE OF THE CROSSMEMBER MAY ALLOW SEPARATION OF THE PASSENGER SIDE LOWER CONTROL ARM, WHICH MAY RESULT IN THE LOSS OF STEERING CONTROL INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE THE CROSSMEMBER FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MITSUBISHI AT 888-648-7820.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

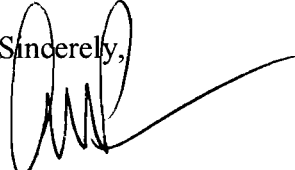
We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 required 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 September 18, 2006. Since this is so close to the end of the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due on or before January 30, 2007.

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@dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@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