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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

October 31, 2006

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NVS-215
06V-414

Subject: GEAR SHIFT KEY LOCK CABLE

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-414

Mfr's Report Date: October 26, 2006

Components: POWER TRAIN:AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,772

Summary:

ON CERTAIN VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSIONS, THE KEY LOCK CABLE WAS IMPROPERLY MANUFACTURED AND MAY NOT ALLOW THE CABLE END TO LOCK INTO THE FLOOR SHIFTER MECHANISM. THIS CAN RESULT IN THE INTERLOCK SYSTEM TO BECOME INOPERATIVE AND ALLOW THE IGNITION KEY TO BE REMOVED WITHOUT THE GEARSHIFT MECHANISM BEING PLACED IN THE PARK POSITION.

Consequence:

IF THE DRIVER DOES NOT SHIFT TO PARK BEFORE REMOVING THE KEY AND FAILS TO ENGAGE THE PARKING BRAKE, THE VEHICLE COULD ROLL AND A CRASH COULD OCCUR.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE IGNITION INTERLOCK CABLE AND REPLACE IT IF NECESSARY. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 20, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MITSUBISHI AT 1-888-648-7820.

Notes:

MITSUBISHI RECALL NO. SR-06-005. 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 letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

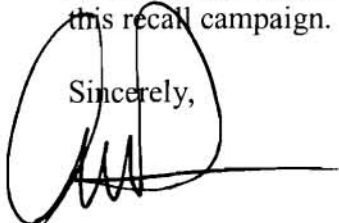
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 or about November 20, 2006. Therefore, 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 or delia.lopez@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
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Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement