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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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2015 CENTER SQUARE ROAD
LOGAN TOWNSHIP NJ 08085

NVS-215paw
07V-229

Subject: BRAKE VACUUM HOSE

Dear MR. MOHR:

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 FUSO/FE83D/2005
MITSUBISHI FUSO/FE84D/2005-2006
MITSUBISHI FUSO/FE85D/2005-2006
MITSUBISHI FUSO/FG84D/2005-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-229

Mfg's Report Date: June 1, 2007

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:FOUNDATION COMPONENTS:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5,090

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MEDIUM DUTY TRUCKS, THE BRAKE VACUUM HOSE MAY HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED WITH INSUFFICIENT WALL THICKNESS ALLOWING THE HOSE TO COLLAPSE DURING NORMAL VEHICLE OPERATION.

Consequence:

CONTINUED OPERATION IN THIS CONDITION COULD (1) WITH RESPECT TO THE FE83D, FE84D, AND FG84D MODELS, RESTRICT PROPER OPERATION OF THE BRAKE POWER-ASSIST; AND (2) WITH RESPECT TO THE FE85D MODEL, RESTRICT PROPER OPERATION OF THE EXHAUST BRAKE SYSTEM. EITHER OCCURRENCE COULD LEAD TO COMPROMISED BRAKING PERFORMANCE AND INCREASED BRAKING DISTANCES, WHICH COULD CAUSE A CRASH WITHOUT WARNING.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE BRAKE VACUUM HOSE WITH A HOSE MANUFACTURED WITH WALLS OF PROPER THICKNESS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JULY 2, 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MITSUBISHI FUSO AT 1-856-467-3917.

Notes:

MITSUBISHI FUSO RECALL NO. C1002510. 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).

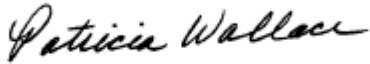
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 July 2, 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before October 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,



for

George H. Person, Chief
Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement