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Recall Division NVS – 215
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Re: 49 CFR Part 573 Notice, Airtex Bulletin #FP072007-1

Dear Ms. Schuler,

On July 19, 2007 following our own internal investigation of a customer concern, Airtex Products determined that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety may exist in certain items of our aftermarket product line. As a result we are furnishing notice to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR, Part 573. Details are outlined below.

1. Airtex Products, L.P. manufactures a full line of fuel pump and fuel module assemblies. The products covered in this report are assembled at Airtex using a combination of internal and outsourced components. The concern covered by this report involves a set of purchased components that are used as part of a final assembly. Requests for additional details concerning this notification should be sent to the attention of Mike Wilinski, Warranty and Training Manager, Airtex Products.
2. The fuel pump module assembly part number in question is listed below with it's corresponding application coverage. The suspect product was manufactured during the period of May 7, 2007 through July 19, 2007.

E7081H	1999 - 1995 Chrysler Sebring 2.0L, exc. conv.
	2000 - 1995 Chrysler Sebring 2.5L, exc. conv.
	1999 - 1995 Dodge Avenger 2.0L
	2000 - 1995 Dodge Avenger 2.5L
	1998 - 1995 Eagle Talon 2.0L non-turbo
	1999 - 1995 Mitsubishi Eclipse, Eclipse Spyder 2.0L non-turbo
	1996 Mitsubishi Eclipse, Eclipse Spyder 2.4L
	1998 - 1994 Mitsubishi Galant 2.4L, exc. CA

3. Of all suspect product referenced in this report, Airtex has produced and sold 222 units during the time period from May 7, 2007 through July 19, 2007.

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4. All E7081H assemblies produced and shipped between May 7, 2007 and July 19, 2007 are considered suspect and subject to recall.
5. The root cause of the potential failure associated with this defect is the geometry of the discharge fuel line flare. As a result the wall of the flared area is not thick enough to prevent the mating threaded fittings from bottoming out before an adequate seal is achieved. This condition may result in leakage of fuel at the connection of the vehicle fuel line and the fuel pump module assembly. No occurrences have been reported from the field to date other than the initial customer concern which prompted the Airtex investigation.

The manufacturer of the flared fitting is:

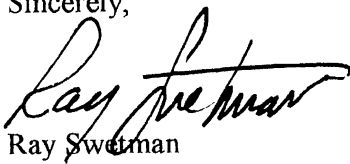
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Mexico, CP62578

6. A chronology of the events leading to the discovery of the defect, confirmation of root cause, subsequent notification of customers and remedy are listed below.
 - July 18, 2007 - Received customer concern.
 - July 19, 2007 - Conducted customer vehicle review to confirm concern and identify root cause. Put hold on all in house stock of suspect inventory. Notified supplier of defect and initiated correction of flare geometry.
 - July 24, 2007 - Notification sent to all customers regarding potential safety issue and all associated date codes.
7. All suspect inventory has been removed from stock by Airtex. Supplier of flared fitting is making necessary corrective actions.

Airtex will continue to monitor this recall initiative.

Please advise of any questions or the need for any additional information.

Sincerely,



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Vice President Sales & Marketing

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