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Subject: Safety Recall Notification on the Brake Vacuum Hose;
Model Years: 2005-2006; Models: FE83D, FE84D, FE85D, FG84D
MFTA Safety Recall – C1002510 Brake Vacuum Hose

Dear Mr. Person:

Pursuant to 49 CFR, Part 573, Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc. (MFTA) herewith files a defect and noncompliance information report concerning the brake vacuum hose on certain 2005 through 2006 model year FE83D, FE84D, FE85D and FG84D Mitsubishi Fuso trucks for all states. The contents of this report are arranged to follow the sequence set forth in Section 573.5.

The Dealer Recall Information Bulletin and a sample of the letter that will be sent to each Mitsubishi Fuso truck owner affected by this recall will be forwarded to you upon completion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William P. Mohr".

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Defect and Noncompliance Information Report

1. The manufacturer's name:

Mitsubishi Fuso Truck & Bus Corporation (MFTBC), Japan

2. Identification of the vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment potentially containing the defect or noncompliance:

Models	Model Year Range
FE83D	2005
FE84D	2005 through 2006
FE85D	2005 through 2006
FG84D	2005 through 2006

- a) Inclusive dates of manufacture:

Models	Vehicle Production
FE83D	May 27, 2004 through April 28, 2005
FE84D	May 27, 2004 through July 29, 2005
FE85D	May 27, 2004 through August 17, 2005
FG84D	August 4, 2004 through July 16, 2005

- b) GVWR or class of truck:

Models	GVWR	Class
FE83D	12,000	3
FE84D	14,500	4
FE85D	17,995	5
FG84D	14,050	4

- c) Names of the components:

Brake vacuum hose

3. The total number of vehicles or items of equipment potentially containing the defect or noncompliance, and where available, the number of vehicles or items of equipment in each group identified pursuant to paragraph (c) (2) of the section:

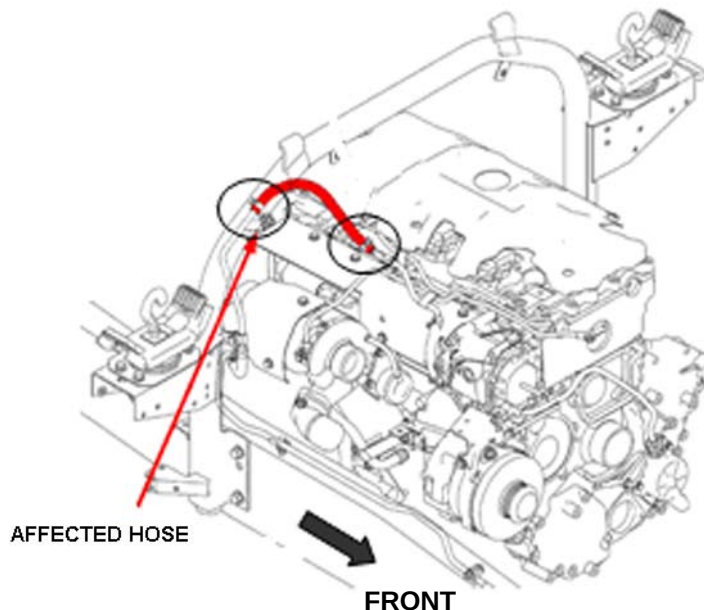
Models	# of U.S. Vehicles	# of Canada Vehicles	
FE83D	807	39	
FE84D	2634	119	
FE85D	1386	274	
FG84D	263	38	
Totals	5090	470	5560

4. The percentage of vehicles or items of equipment specified pursuant to paragraph (c) (2) of the section estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance:

Unknown

5. A description of the defect or noncompliance, including both a brief summary and a detailed description, with graphic aids as necessary, of the nature and physical location (if applicable) of the defect or noncompliance:

On affected vehicles, the brake vacuum hose may have been manufactured with insufficient wall thickness, allowing the hose to collapse during normal vehicle operation. On the FE83D, FE84D and FG84D models identified above, the hose provides vacuum to the brake booster. On the FE85D model, the hose provides vacuum to the exhaust brake system.



6. In the case of defect, a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their date of receipt:

On May 31, 2007, MFTBC notified MFTA that MFTBC had decided to conduct a Safety Recall Campaign in the U.S. market based on Warranty Service Claim data, Product Quality Reports, and Tread EWR Data.

After deliberate study of failed sample parts, MFTBC determined that the cause of failure was insufficient brake vacuum hose wall thickness. Continued operation of the vehicle in this condition could: (1) with respect to the FE83D, FE84D and FG84D models, restrict proper operation of the brake power-assist and compromise braking performance; and (2) with respect to the FE85D model, restrict proper operation of the exhaust brake system. In the worst case, either occurrence would lead to compromised braking performance and increased braking distances, which could cause a crash without warning.

MFTA received twenty one (21) Warranty Service Claims (WSCs) and eight (8) Product Quality Reports (PQRs) relating to affected vehicles. MFTA has received no notice of accident or injury relating to the subject component.

7. In the case of noncompliance, the test results or other data on the basis of which the manufacturer determined the existence of the noncompliance:

Not applicable.

8. A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance:

The brake vacuum hose will be replaced with a hose manufactured with walls of proper thickness.

Following is MFTA's proposed campaign schedule:

Estimated parts arrival date: June 22, 2007
Estimated dealer notification: June 25, 2007
Estimated start of customer notification: July 2, 2007

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer or purchaser:

MFTA will provide NHTSA with a final copy of all related documents.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,



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Summary Report of All Warranty Claims, Field or Service Reports,
and Other Information, with their Date of Receipt

Warranty Service Claims (WSC)

<u>Date of Receipt</u>	<u>MFTA WSC Number</u>
1/17/07	D1153102L
1/24/07	D1056105E
1/31/07	D1092118H
2/12/07	D1044112D
2/12/07	D1056106M
2/16/07	D1044112Q
3/6/07	D2088112L
3/15/07	D1202105Y
3/15/07	D1202105Z
3/15/07	D1202105X
3/26/07	D4009113S
3/28/07	D1185106Q
4/3/07	D2020107G
4/11/07	D1132102H
4/13/07	D1192103F
4/20/07	D2092104M
4/24/07	D2087101R
4/25/07	D1189110G
4/27/07	D1050137G
5/8/07	D1202108V
5/20/07	D1190114C

Product Quality and Field Reports (PQR/FR)

<u>Date of Receipt</u>	<u>MFTA PQR/FR Number</u>
2/19/07	FV07T028A
2/20/07	FV07T028B
3/2/07	FV07T028C
3/5/07	FV07T028D
3/13/07	FV07T028E
3/16/07	FV07T028F
3/16/07	FV07T028G
4/5/07	FV07T028H