



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

*May 19, 2008*

MR. WILLIAM MOHR  
DIRECTOR, SERVICE OPERATIONS  
MITSUBISHI FUSO TRUCK OF AMERICA, INC.  
2015 CENTER SQUARE ROAD  
LOGAN TOWNSHIP NJ 08085

NVS-215dgl  
08V-221

Subject: REAR ENGINE SUPPORT

Dear MR. MOHR:

This letter serves to acknowledge Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below, for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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/FE639/1999-2004  
MITSUBISHI FUSO/FE649/1999-2004

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 08V-221

**Recall Date:** May 15, 2008

**Components:**

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 10,325

**Summary:**

MITSUBISHI FUSO IS RECALLING 10,325 MY 1999-2004 FE639 AND FE649 TRUCKS. THE REAR ENGINE SUPPORT BRACKET IS COMPOSED OF MATERIALS OF INSUFFICIENT STRENGTH. NORMAL VEHICLE VIBRATIONS MAY CAUSE THE BRACKET TO CRACK.

**Consequence:**

IF THE VEHICLE IS CONTINUALLY OPERATED IN THIS CONDITION, THE BRACKET MAY BREAK APART. THE TRANSMISSION COULD DROP OUT OF ALIGNMENT WITH THE DRIVE TRAIN.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSTALL A MODIFIED REAR ENGINE SUPPORT BRACKET COMPONENT FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JULY 11, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MITSUBISHI FUSA AT 1-856-467-3917.

**Notes:**

MITSUBISHI FUSO RECALL NO. C1003510. CUSTOMERS CAN 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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), [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "P".

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