



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

May 19, 2008

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

NVS-215paw
08V-224

SUBJECT: AISIN AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION SHIFT LINKAGE

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/FE640/2001-2004
MITSUBISHI FUSO/FE649/1999-2004
MITSUBISHI FUSO/FG639/1999-2004
MITSUBISHI FUSO/FH210/2003-2004

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-224

Mfg's Report Date: May 15 and 16, 2008

Components: POWER TRAIN: AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 15,549

Summary:

MITSUBISHI FUSO IS RECALLING 15,549 MY 1999-2004 FE639, FE649, AND FG639 TRUCKS; MY 2001-2004 FE640, AND MY 2003-2004 FH210 TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSIONS. NORMAL HEAT EMANATING FROM THE EXHAUST PIPE MAY CAUSE THE AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION SHIFT LINKAGE TO DEFORM. THE EFFORT REQUIRED TO OPERATE THE AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION SHIFT CONTROL LEVER MAY INCREASE IF THE LINKAGE BINDS DUE TO THE DEFORMATION.

Consequence:

THE SHIFT CONTROL LEVER MAY BECOME INOPERATIVE, OR THE PHYSICAL SHIFT LEVER POSITION ON THE SHIFT LEVER HOUSING GEAR INDICATOR MAY NOT MATCH THE ACTUAL GEAR SELECTION AT THE TRANSMISSION.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL A MODIFIED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION SHIFT CONTROL LEVER ASSEMBLY FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JULY 11, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MITSUBISHI FUSO AT 1-856-467-4500.

Notes:

MITSUBISHI FUSO RECALL NO. C1003610. 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

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).

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. 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, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at 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", written in a cursive style.

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