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Re: Defect and Noncompliance Information Report

Ms. DeMeter:

In accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR 573 - Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. (MMNA) hereby furnishes this report, which contains details of a potential ignition/parking interlock non-compliance in certain 2004 ~ 2008 model year Endeavor vehicles manufactured by MMNA Manufacturing.

The recall affects approximately 120,000 vehicles distributed by MMNA in the United States and in Puerto Rico by Mitsubishi Motor Sales of the Caribbean (MMSA). This recall will also be launched in Canada and Mexico for vehicles distributed in those markets by their separate distributors.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, you may reach me at one of the contact points listed below.

Sincerely,

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Defect Information Report

Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc hereby submits this report covering certain 2004 ~ 2008 model year Endeavor vehicles. The contents of this report have been arranged to follow the sequence set forth in 49 CFR 573.5 and is in response to the PE08-006 received by MMNA on February 11, 2008. In that Preliminary Evaluation (PE), NHTSA requested various documents that pertain to the subject vehicles and the ignition/parking interlock system. During the gathering of information to respond to this PE, MMC came to the conclusion that the system may allow the ignition key to be removed from the ignition switch when the gearshift lever is not in the park position. This is a noncompliance with portions of FMVSS 114: Theft Protection. Based on this information, MMNA is advising NHTSA that a recall to correct this noncompliance will be conducted.

1. The manufacturer's name:

Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc - Manufacturing Division

2. Identification of the vehicles and defect item;

<u>Make</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>
Mitsubishi	Endeavor	2004~2008	TBD

Item: Ignition/Parking Interlock system

3. Total number of vehicles:

<u>Make</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Number of Involved</u>
Mitsubishi	Endeavor	Approximately 120,000

4. Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the potential defect:

It is impossible to know the actual percentage of vehicles that may contain the noncompliance; however, all potentially affected vehicles will be included in the recall for correction to the ignition/interlock system.

5. Description of the defect including summary:

During vehicle use, the ignition key interlock cable (which is a component of the interlock system) may allow the interlocking cam to fall forward and allow the ignition key to be removed from the ignition switch when the gearshift mechanism is not in the park position. If the driver does not shift to park before removing the key and fails to engage the parking brake, the vehicle could roll and a crash could occur.

6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

During preparation to respond to PE08-006, Mitsubishi began gathering the information requested and also participated in a field investigation conducted by an engineer from the Office of Defect Investigation. During that investigation, it was determined that on two vehicles that it was possible for the ignition key to be removed when the vehicle gearshift was still in the Drive position. The cable that controls the locking cam allows the locking cam to fall forward when the brake pedal was depressed and released aggressively. MMC has not determined the root cause of this condition, however because the key can be removed with the vehicle still in the drive position the system does not meet some of the requirements of FMVSS standard 114, a recall to address this condition has been decided.

7. Test results for a noncompliance:

See #6.

8. Description of the proposed remedy:

The owners of all subject vehicles will be notified by first class mail and requested to bring their vehicle back to their dealer for correction of the reported condition. MMC has not determined the actual repair required at this time, however it is suspected that the repair will be minor in nature. A copy of the repair instructions and proposed letter will be forwarded to your attention as soon as they are available

9. Launch date:

MMNA will provide the launch date as soon as the repair procedure and parts schedules become available.

10. Notices, bulletins and communication:

Will be provided as soon as available.

11. Reimbursements:

Owners seeking reimbursement for any expenses relating to this recall will be directed in the notification letter how to apply for a refund.

11. Dealer Notification:

Mitsubishi has determined that this incident does not constitute an immediate and substantial threat to motor vehicle safety; therefore the three-day dealer notice does not apply. A schedule for dealer and owner notification will be provided as soon as they are available.