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**Subject: Safety Recall Notification on the Rear Engine Support;**  
**Model Years: 1999 – 2004; Models: FE639, FE649**  
**MFTA Safety Recall – C1003510 Rear Engine Support**  
**NHTSA Safety Recall – \_\_\_\_\_**

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 rear engine support bracket on certain 1999 through 2004 model year FE639 and FE649 Mitsubishi Fuso trucks for all states. The contents of this report are arranged to follow the sequence set forth in Section 573.5.

MFTA noticed a reoccurrence of cracks in the countermeasure components installed in FE639 and FE649 trucks during the 05V-303 C1000110 Rear Engine Support Recall, and advised Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corporation (MFTBC) through submission of Warranty Service Claims (WSC) and Product Quality Reports (PQR). MFTBC determined that it was necessary to perform the subject corrective action.

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,

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Enclosure: As stated

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:

<b>Models</b>	<b>Model Year Range</b>
FE639	1999 – 2004
FE649	1999 – 2004

- a) Inclusive dates of manufacture:

<b>Models</b>	<b>Vehicle Production</b>
FE639	February 27, 1998 through December 27, 2003
FE649	February 27, 1998 through January 5, 2004

- b) GVWR or class of truck:

<b>Models</b>	<b>GVWR</b>	<b>Class</b>
FE639	11,600 lbs.	3
	13,500 lbs.	3
FE649	14,500 lbs.	4

- c) Names of the components:

Rear engine support bracket

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:

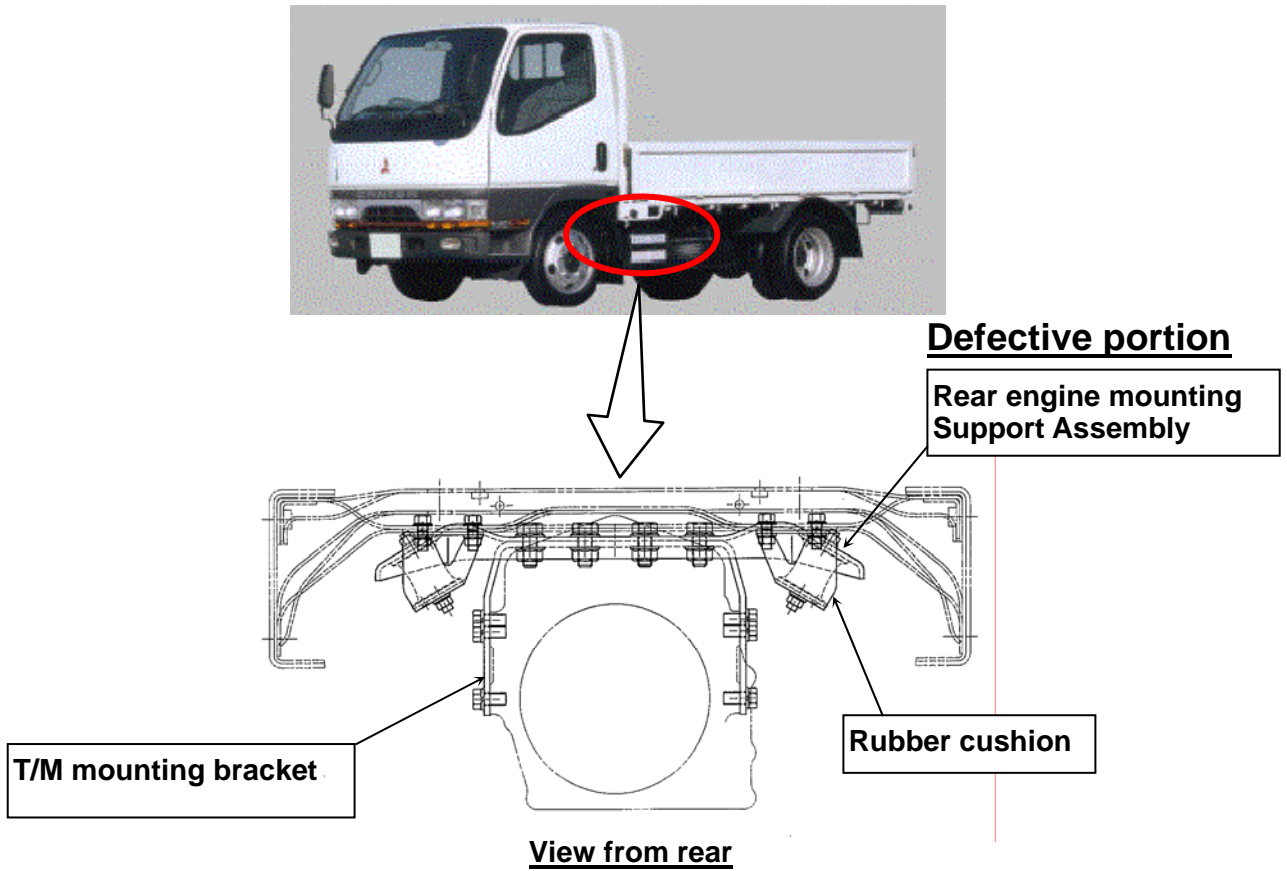
<b>Models</b>	<b># of Vehicles – U.S.</b>	<b># of Vehicles – Canada</b>	
'99 – '04 FE639	5,880	109	
'99 – '04 FE649	4,445	26	
<b>Totals</b>	10,325	135	10,460


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 rear engine support bracket is composed of materials of insufficient strength. Normal vehicle vibrations may cause the bracket to crack. If the vehicle is continually operated in this condition, the bracket may break apart. In the worst case, the transmission could drop out of alignment with the drive train.



 This mark shows parts to be replaced.

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 9, 2008, MFTBC notified MFTA that they had determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety existed and instructed MFTA to perform a safety recall.

After deliberate study of failed sample parts, MFTBC determined that the cause of failure was insufficient material strength. This condition could allow the rear engine support bracket to crack and possibly break apart. In the worst case, the transmission could drop out of alignment with the drive train.

Between July 6, 2006 and November 9, 2007, MFTA received twelve (12) Warranty Service Claims (WSC) and six (6) Product Quality and Field Reports (PQR/FR) relating to affected vehicles. The summary report of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information MFTA has received, with their date of receipt is attached. Copies of the WSC's and PQR's are available upon request. MFTA has not received any notice of accident or injury relating to the subject components.

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:

Install modified rear engine support components.

MFTA will instruct its Dealer body to initiate a safety recall campaign as soon as the parts and notification become available.

Following is MFTA's proposed campaign schedule:

Estimated parts arrival date: 7/7/08

Estimated dealer notification: 7/8/08

Estimated start of customer notification: 7/11/08

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 when they have been completed.

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

Sincerely,



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c: K. Idota (MFTBC)

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>
7/12/2006	D2087R572
9/12/2006	D1050RY37
11/9/2006	D4014100Q
1/4/2007	D2088107X
2/13/2007	D3073102J
4/24/2007	D2082114E
5/3/2007	D1155109R
5/3/2007	D1155SA87
5/3/2007	D1155SA88
5/11/2007	D1153104R
6/14/2007	D9160116G
10/26/2007	D1164163Y

Product Quality and Field Reports (PQR/FR)

<u>Date of Receipt</u>	<u>MFTA PQR/FR Number</u>
7/6/2006	FV06T171A
1/22/2007	FV07T020A
2/18/2007	FV07T020D
5/4/2007	FV07T020B
5/11/2007	FV07T020C
11/9/2007	FV07T084A