

# SAFETY RECALL BULLETIN

SUBJECT:			No:	SR-08-001
FRONT PASSENGER SEAT BELT SAFETY RECALL				March, 2008
			MODE	L: 2006 - 07 Endeavor
CIRCULATE TO:	[ ] GENERAL MANAGER	[X] PARTS MANAGER		[X] TECHNICIAN
[X] SERVICE ADVISOR	[X] SERVICE MANAGER	[X] WARRANTY PROCESS	OR	[X] SALES MANAGER

### **PURPOSE**

On affected vehicles, the material used to manufacture the retaining bracket for the lower mounting point of the right hand front (passenger's) seatbelt may be brittle due to improper metallurgy. This could lead to failure of the tab during a very severe collision.

This Safety Recall Bulletin contains instructions for replacing the right hand front seatbelt assembly. A new improved seat belt assembly must be installed.

#### AFFECTED VEHICLES

Only vehicles identified as follows are affected by this recall campaign.

2006-07 Endeavor **United States Specification Vehicles** built from July 10, 2006 to February 16, 2007. 2007 Endeavor **Canada & Puerto Rico Specification Vehicles** built prior to February 16, 2007.

## **IMPORTANT**

A list of affected inventory and sold VINs for your dealership is included with this mailing.

Affected new or used inventory vehicles must be repaired before the vehicle is sold. Dealers must check their inventory vehicles' VINs on the Warranty Super Screen to verify whether the vehicle is involved in this recall campaign. If a VIN on the list was recently sold, please contact the owner to bring their vehicle to the dealership for this repair.

## **CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION**

A letter will be sent to all owners of affected vehicles telling them to bring their vehicle to their Mitsubishi Motors dealer to have the right front seat belt assembly replaced. A copy of the customer notification letter appears later in this bulletin.

# **REQUIRED OPERATIONS**

Before starting this campaign procedure, CHECK THE WARRANTY SUPERSCREEN to verify that the vehicle is an affected VIN for this campaign and that this campaign procedure has not already been completed.

Replace the front right hand (passenger's) seat belt with a new assembly as listed in the table in the Parts Information section of this Recall Bulletin. Replacement instructions are included in this Recall Bulletin. Refer to Section 52B - Supplemental Restraints, in the applicable service manual for additional information.

$\triangle$	WARNING

Disconnect the negative (—) terminal of the battery and wait 60 seconds prior to beginning seat belt replacement. Failure to follow this step may result in unintended deployment of the seat belt retractor leading to injury.



Carefully follow ALL Cautions and Warnings listed in the service manual for handling and disposing restraint components.



Do not reuse the mounting hardware to secure the pretensioner to the vehicle. Seatbelt Kits include new mounting fasteners.

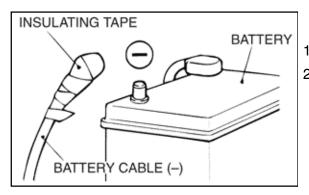
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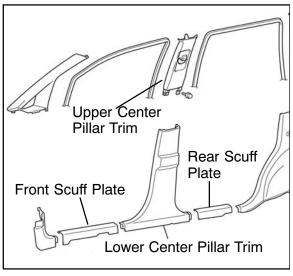
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### **REMOVAL**



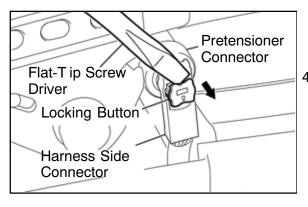
- . Record the customer's radio presets.
- Disconnect the negative (—) battery cable from the battery and tape the terminal to prevent accidental connection and seat belt pretensioner operation.

Wait at least 60 seconds after disconnecting the battery cable before doing any further work.

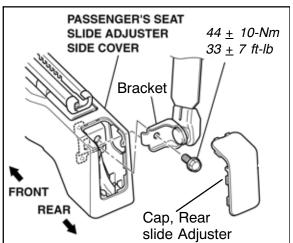


 Remove the indicated interior trim pieces to expose the seatbelt assembly. Refer to Section 52A INTERIOR, Trims, Removal and Installation for additional information.

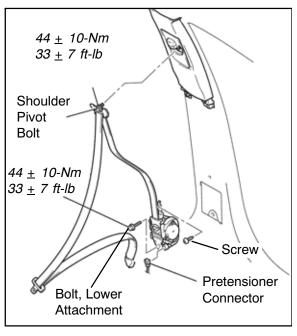
**NOTE:** Before removing the Upper Center Pillar Trim, move the seat belt pivot adjustment to its bottom position. This will-make reconnecting it during reassembly easier.



Disconnect the Pretensioner Connector. Use a flattipped screwdriver to unlock the locking button of the harness-side pretensioner connector by carefully withdrawing it toward you in two stages.



- 5. Remove the rear slide adjuster cap. Take care not to break the retaining tabs.
- 6. Remove the bolt retaining the lower seat belt anchor bracket. Save this bolt for reuse.



- 7. Remove the seat belt Shoulder Pivot Bolt. This bolt is captive with the bracket
- Remove the attaching hardware for the seatbelt pretensioner (Screw and Bolt, Lower Attachment) and discard them. New fasteners for these locations are included in the seatbelt kit.
- 9. Remove the seatbelt assembly from the vehicle.

### **INSTALLATION**

1. Follow the removal steps in reverse to install the new seat belt assembly. Ensure that the belt is not twisted when installed. **Do not install the trim at this time.** 



DO NOT REUSE FASTENERS TO ATTACH THE PRETENSIONER TO THE VEHICLE. NEW FASTENERS ARE SUPPLIED IN THE KIT. TORQUE ALL BOLTS TO THE SPECIFICATION GIVEN IN THE ILLUSTRATIONS. THE SCREW AT THE TOP OF THE SEAT BELT PRETENSIONER SHOULD BE TIGHT, BUT TAKE CARE TO NOT OVERTIGHTEN IT.

- 2. After installing the seatbelt, reconnect the battery and turn the ignition to the ON position. Check that the SRS warning lamp is turned off after approximately 7 seconds.
- 3. Install the interior trim. Make sure that the shoulder pivot is aligned to its adjuster to allow free movement of the pivot and that it adjusts properly. Reset the customer's radio presets and set the clock.

4. Render the removed seatbelt inoperative by deploying the pretensioner mechanism. Refer to the applicable service manual, Section 52B - Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) Air Bag Module and Seat Belt Disposal Procedures, for instructions on proper methods to deploy and dispose of the pretensioner.

#### PARTS INFORMATION

PARTS MANAGER: Refer to Parts Bulletin 53-ED-01-08 for additional details.

A supply of Seat Belt Repair Kits will be allocated to each dealer. Determine your actual needs before ordering additional parts.

## **Required Parts:**

Each repair will use **only one** of the part numbers listed below.

	Kit Part Number	Description	
2006	SBPSU06XB	Kit, Seat Belt Repair (Black/Beige) RH	
USA Spec. Only	SBPSU06YA	Kit, Seat Belt Repair (M-GR-Brown) RH	

2007 USA, Canada, Puerto Rico	SBPSU07XA	Kit, Seat Belt Repair (Black/Beige) RH	
	SBPSU07YA	Kit, Seat Belt Repair (M-GR-Brown) RH	

**NOTE:** Kits include one RH seat belt and attaching hardware for the pretensioner (one each of MF453033, Screw and MB268795, Bolt).

#### RECALL CAMPAIGN CLAIM INFORMATION

Campaign Labor Operation: C0801MXX

Labor Time: 0.4 hr.

#### **Required Kit Part Numbers**

Each repair requires the use of one kit. Only one of these listed part numbers will be allowed on a claim. Check these kit part numbers against the one part number replaced on the related repair order.

Claim only the one applicable kit part number from the "Required Parts" Table.

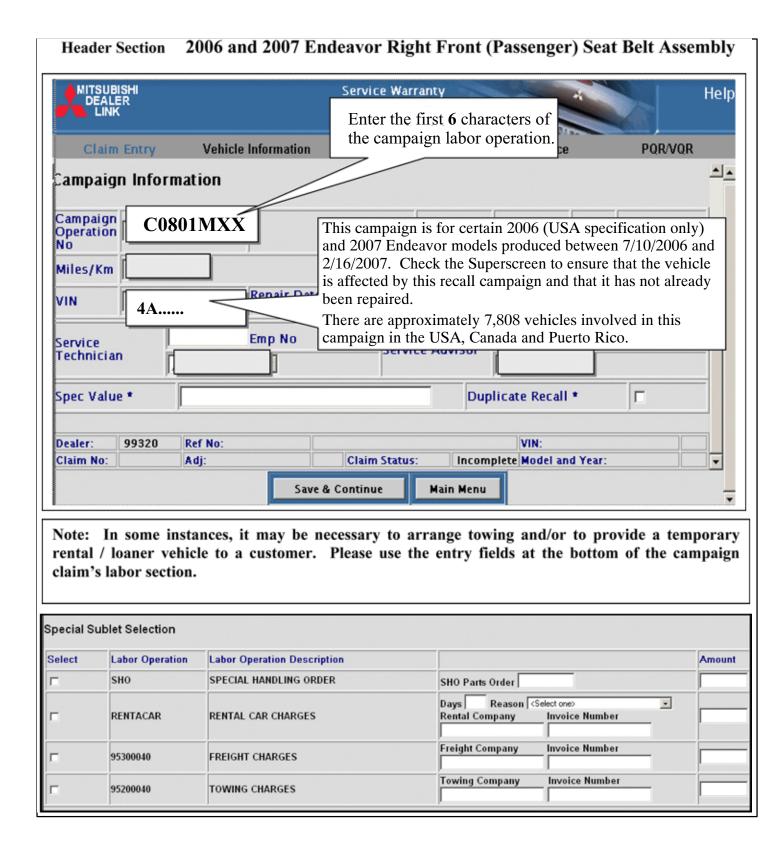


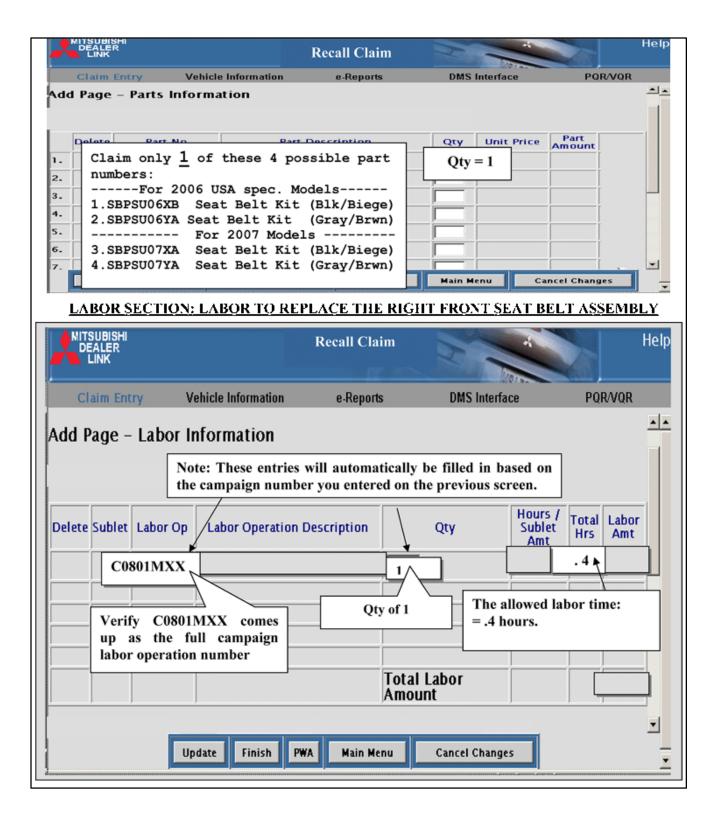
## Replaced Seat Belt Assembly Pretensioner Deployment

The pretensioner mechanism **must be deployed** prior to disposal of the seat belt. Refer to Section 52B - Supplemental Restraints, in the related Endeavor service manual for instructions on deploying and properly disposing of removed seat belt assemblies.

## Replaced Parts Retention

Once the replaced seat belt pretensioner has been deployed, it may be scrapped immediately. It is not necessary to retain the replaced parts for the standard retention period.





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AFFECTED VEHICLES

MODELS: 2006-2007 Endeavor

Date: March, 2008

Dear Mitsubishi Owner,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Reason For Notice: Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. (MMNA) has decided that a defect that relates to

vehicle safety exists in certain 2006 and 2007 Endeavor vehicles. In the event of a severe vehicle crash, the front passenger seat belt lower anchor may separate, not allowing the seat belt to properly restrain the passenger and potentially result in injury or

death.

What you should do: Please contact your Authorized Mitsubishi Dealer to schedule an appointment to have a

new, improved front passenger seat belt and anchor assembly installed on your vehicle, free of charge. When you bring your vehicle in, please show the dealer this letter. (If you misplace this letter, the dealer will still install the new parts on your vehicle, free of

charge.)

What your dealer will do: The dealership will replace the front passenger side seat belt and anchor assembly.

How long will it take? The time needed for the installation of these new parts is approximately 30 minutes. The

dealer may need your vehicle for a longer period of time due to service scheduling issues,

but every effort will be made to minimize your inconvenience.

If you have any trouble having your vehicle repaired promptly and at no charge, please inform us by calling the Mitsubishi Customer Relations Department at 888-648-7820.

Hours: Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific Time)

If, after contacting Mitsubishi Customer Relations, you still have a problem having this repair made promptly and without charge, write to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, D.C. 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), or go to http://www.safercar.gov.

If you have already encountered a problem regarding the above and have paid for the repair, you may send your original receipts and/or other adequate proof of payment to the following address for reimbursement: Mitsubishi Customer Relations Department, P.O. Box 6400, Cypress, CA 90630-0064

**Notice to Lessors:** If you are a lessor of five or more leased vehicles as of the date of this letter, you have an obligation under federal law, (49 CFR Part 577), to provide the lessee of the above referenced vehicle with a copy of this letter by first class mail within ten days of receipt. Further, you must maintain a record, which identifies the lessee to whom you sent a copy of this letter, the date you sent it, and the vehicle identification number (VIN) of the subject vehicle.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.

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