



09E-010  
(4 pages)

**MITSUBISHI FUSO**  
TRUCK OF AMERICA, Inc.

2015 Center Square Road  
Logan Twp., NJ 08085  
(856) 467-4500  
(856) 467-4695 Fax

March 27, 2009

George Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation, Safety Assurance  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration,  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, NVS-217  
Washington, DC 20590

**Subject: Equipment Recall Notification on the Halogen Sealed Beam High Beam Headlamp;  
Headlamp Manufacturer: Koito  
Headlamp Part Number: MR339043 (incorrectly superseded spare part)  
Applicable Truck Models: FE639, FE640, FE649 FG639, FG649, FH210, FH211  
Applicable Truck Model Years: 1996 through 2004  
Applicable Truck Models: FK617, FK61F, FM617, FM61F, FM64F, FM657, FM65F  
Applicable Truck Model Years: 1996 through 2007  
MFTA Equipment Recall – C1003910 Halogen Sealed Beam High Beam Headlamp**

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 replacement Halogen sealed beam high beam headlamp applicable to certain 1996 through 2007 model year FE639, FE640, FE649 FG639, FG649, FH210, FH211, FK617, FK61F, FM617, FM61F, FM64F, FM657 and FM65F Mitsubishi Fuso trucks for all states. The contents of this report are arranged to follow the sequence set forth in Section 573.6.

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,

William P. Mohr  
Director, Service Operations.  
Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc.  
Phone: (856) 467-3917 Fax: (856) 467-4665

Enclosure: As stated

RECEIVED  
JUN MAR 30 A 11:40  
DEFECTS  
INVESTIGATION

Defect and Noncompliance Information Report

573.6(c)(1) The manufacturer's name:

Koito Manufacturing Co., Ltd. [Headlamp]  
Mitsubishi Fuso Truck & Bus Corporation (MFTBC), Japan [Truck]

573.6(c)(2) Identification of the vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment potentially containing the defect or noncompliance:

Part Number	Description
MR339043	Halogen Sealed Beam High Beam Headlamp Assembly

Inclusive dates the headlamp was offered for sale as a spare part through MFTA
October 24, 2007 through December 2, 2008

573.6(c)(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:

Original Distribution of Affected Parts				
Part Number	# of Parts in MFTA Inventory	# of Sales to U.S. Dealers	# of Sales to Canada Dealers	Total
MR339043	35	115	6	156

Current Distribution of Affected Parts				
Part Number	Parts in MFTA Possession	# of Sales to U.S. Dealers	# of Sales to Canada Dealers	Total
MR339043	38	112	6	156

573.6(c)(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:

100%

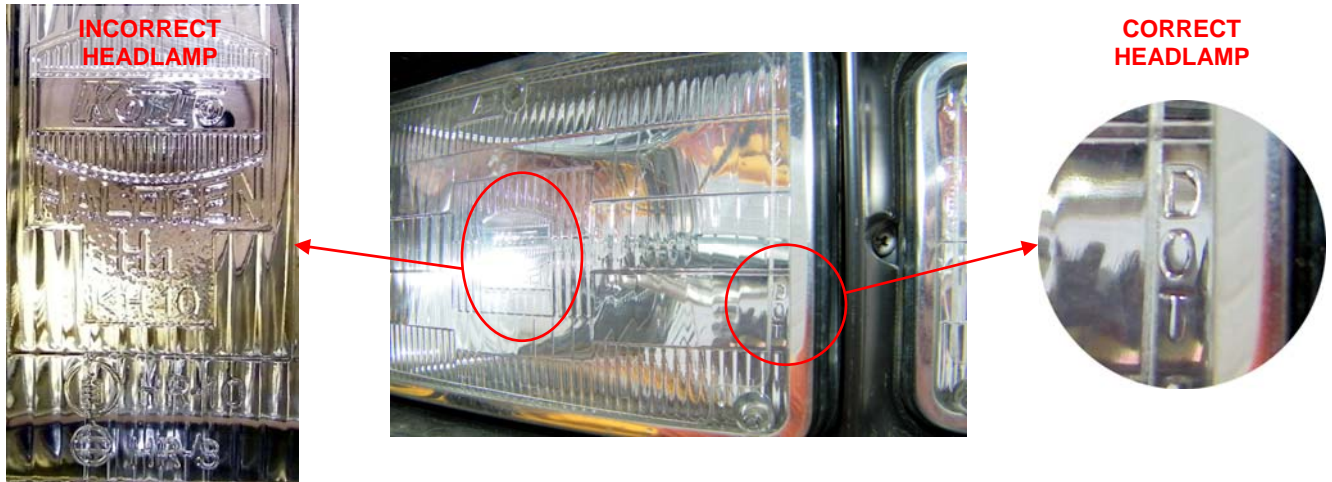
573.6(c)(5) A description of the defect or noncompliance, including both a brief summary and a detailed description, with graphic aids as necessary, of the nature and physical location (if applicable) of the defect or noncompliance:

MFTBC mistakenly superseded SAE-compliant Halogen sealed beam high beam headlamp MS820186 with replacement Halogen headlamp MR339043, which does not comply with SAE regulations. Please note that all Mitsubishi Fuso trucks offered for sale in the U.S. and Canada were equipped with the SAE-compliant high beam headlamps as original equipment. Headlamp MR339043 is used on Japan-domestic trucks equipped with right-hand drive. This non-compliant headlamp assembly was offered for sale in the U.S. and Canada as a replacement part only.

The headlamps that must be inspected are the inner two high beam lamps (as shown below).



Incorrect headlamps bear only the markings shown below left, and do not bear the "DOT" imprint shown below right.



573.6(c)(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:

Not applicable

573.6(c)(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:

On September 12, 2007, MFTBC registered a headlamp supersession, from MS820186 to MR339043, and began preparations to ship this part number in place of the prior. During administrative research of the supersession history of this headlamp, MFTBC determined that headlamp MR339043 does not properly supersede headlamp MS820186. MFTBC corrected the supersession on January 16, 2009 to headlamp MK580140. At this time, MFTBC began to study the differences between the two bulb part numbers.

On February 27, 2009, MFTBC's Service Department contacted MFTA Service Operations and asked for assistance in determining the need to recall the incorrect spare parts. MFTA requested information concerning the differences between the two high beam headlamps, in order to present the facts to NHTSA. On March 11, 2009, MFTA contacted NHTSA and asked for their advice on how to proceed. On March 13, 2009, MFTBC provided information on differences between the two bulbs (JIS vs. SAE), which was then communicated to NHTSA. On March 18, 2009, NHTSA advised MFTA that the proper course of action would be to launch an equipment recall on headlamp MR339043. On the same date, MFTA forwarded NHTSA's advice to MFTBC, who then scheduled an Executive Committee meeting to approve this remedial action.

On March 27, 2009, MFTBC notified MFTA that MFTBC had decided to conduct an Equipment Recall Campaign in the U.S. and Canada markets based on the determination that the affected headlamp does not comply with SAE regulations.

573.6(c)(8) A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance:

The high beam headlamp assembly will be replaced with an SAE-complaint headlamp assembly at no charge for parts and labor.

Following is MFTA's proposed campaign schedule:

Estimated parts arrival date: April 9, 2009

Estimated dealer notification: April 13, 2009

573.6(c)(9) In the case of a remedy program involved the replacement of tires, the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance shall:

Not applicable

573.6(c)(10) 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.

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

Sincerely,



William P. Mohr  
Director, Service Operations  
Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc.  
Phone: (856) 467-3917 Fax: (856) 467-4665

c: S. Inoue (MFTBC)  
K. Kushida (MFTBC)