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Subject: Safety Recall Notification on the Air Intake Duct
Model Years: 2005 – 2010; Models: FE83D, FE84D, FE85D, FG84D
MFTA Safety Recall – C1004110 Air Intake Duct

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 air intake duct rubber cushions on certain 2005 through 2010 model year FE83D, FE84D, FE85D and FG84D Mitsubishi Fuso trucks for all states. The contents of this report are arranged to follow the sequence set forth in Section 573.5.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William P. Mohr".

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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:

Models	Model Year Range
FE83D	2005 – 2010
FE84D	2005 – 2010
FE85D	2005 – 2010
FG84D	2005 – 2010

- a) Inclusive dates of manufacture:

Models	Vehicle Production
FE83D	May 27, 2004 through September 28, 2009
FE84D	May 27, 2004 through September 30, 2009
FE85D	May 27, 2004 through September 30, 2009
FG84D	August 4, 2004 through September 30, 2009

- b) GVWR or class of truck:

Models	GVWR	Class
FE83D	12,000	3
FE84D	14,050	4
FE84D	14,500	4
FE85D	17,995	5
FG84D	14,050	4

- c) Names of the components:

Air intake duct rubber cushions

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:

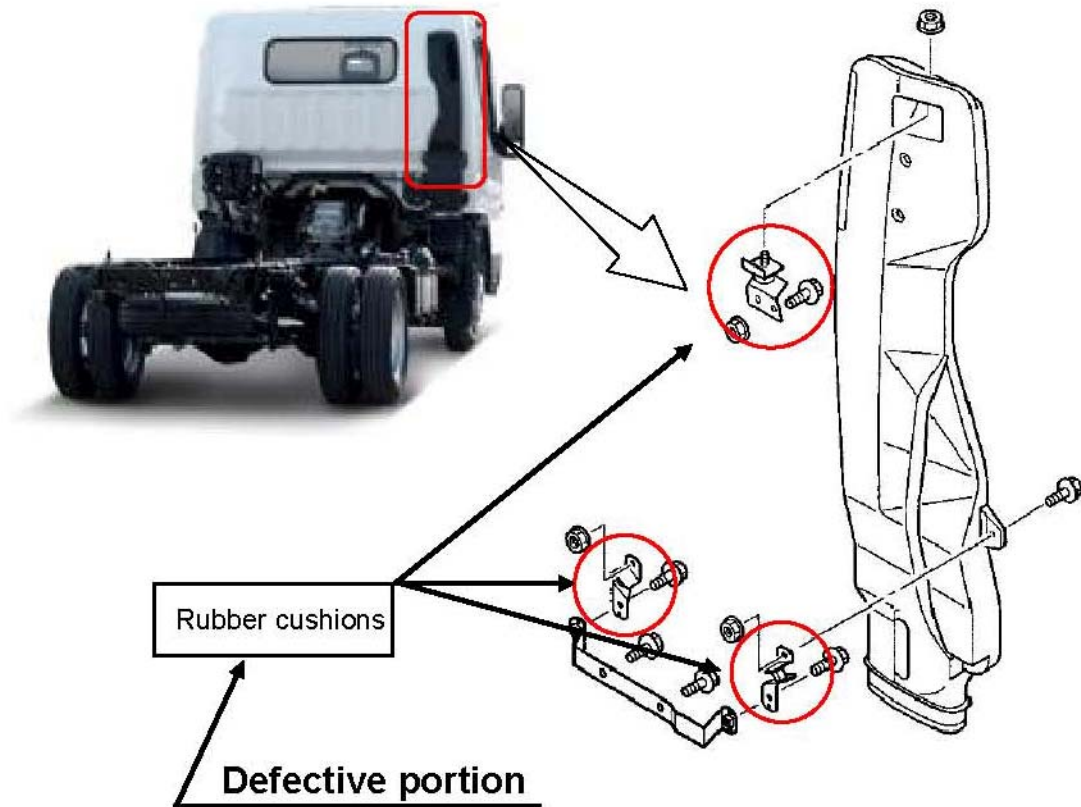
Models	# of U.S. Vehicles	# of Canada Vehicles	
FE83D	1690	91	
FE84D	9375	397	
FE85D	4548	1136	
FG84D	771	150	
Totals	16384	1774	18158

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 weather resistance properties of the air intake duct rubber cushions is insufficient. During normal vehicle operation, the rubber cushions deteriorate and crack, causing abnormal noise. In the worst case, all of the rubber cushions could crack, allowing the air intake duct to fall off of the truck.



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 November 9, 2009, MFTBC notified MFTA that MFTBC had decided to conduct a Safety Recall Campaign in the U.S. market based on Warranty Service Claim data, Product Quality Reports, and Tread EWR Data.

After deliberate study of failed parts, MFTBC determined that the cause of failure was that the air intake duct rubber cushions were manufactured with insufficient weather resistance. Continued operation of the vehicle in this condition could cause the rubber cushions to crack. In the worst case, all of the cushions could crack, allowing the air intake duct to fall off of the truck.

MFTA received sixty two (62) Warranty Service Claims (WSCs) and seventeen (17) Product Quality Reports (PQRs) relating to affected vehicles. MFTA has received no notice of accident or injury relating to the subject component.

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:

All of the air intake duct rubber cushions will be replaced with components manufactured to proper specifications.

Following is MFTA's proposed campaign schedule:

Estimated parts arrival date: February 15, 2010

Estimated dealer notification: February 17, 2010

Estimated start of customer notification: February 19, 2010

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.

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

Sincerely,



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