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**Subject: Safety Recall Notification on the Seat Belt Buckle
Model Years: 2012; Models: FEC52, FEC72, FEC92
MFTA Safety Recall – C1005110 Seat Belt Buckle**

Dear Ms. Morgan:

Pursuant to 49 CFR, Part 573, Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc. (MFTA) herewith files a defect and noncompliance information report concerning the passenger's side seat belt buckle on certain 2012 model year FEC52, FEC72 and FEC92 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".

William P. Mohr
Director, Service Operations.
Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc.
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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
FEC52	2012
FEC72	2012
FEC92	2012

- a) Inclusive dates of manufacture:

Models	Vehicle Production
FEC52	February 10, 2011 through April 8, 2011
FEC72	February 10, 2011 through April 8, 2011
FEC92	February 10, 2011 through April 8, 2011

- b) GVWR or class of truck:

Models	GVWR	Class
FEC52	12,500	3
FEC72	15,995	4
FEC92	17,995	5

- c) Names of the components:

Passenger's side seat belt buckle

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:

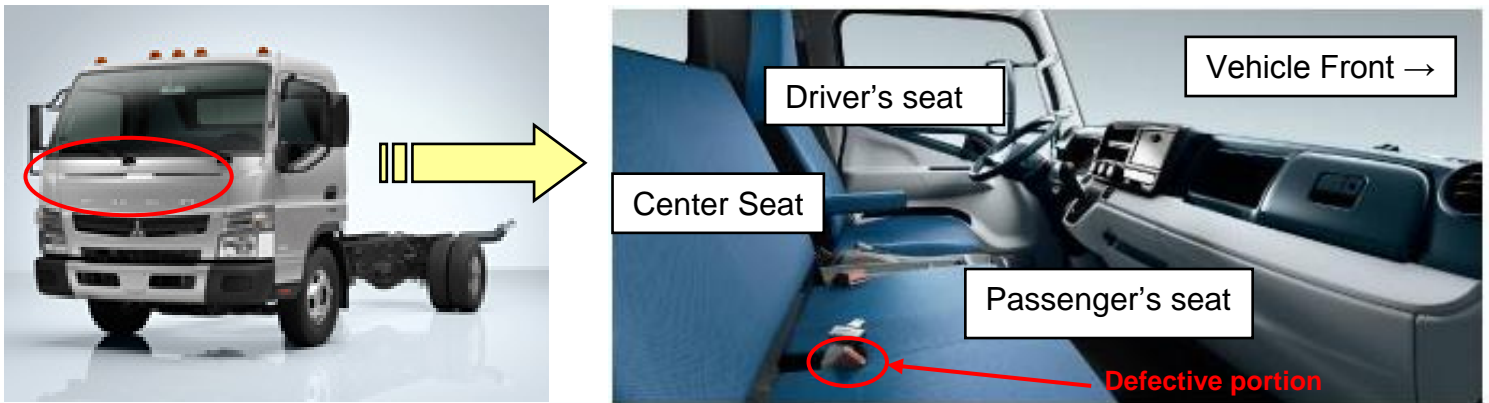
Models	# of U.S. Vehicles	# of Canada Vehicles	
FEC52	166	5	
FEC72	418	39	
FEC92	176	67	
Totals	760	111	871

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 certain affected vehicles, an incorrect passenger's side seat belt buckle was installed during initial vehicle assembly. In this condition, the passenger's side seat belt tang will not engage its buckle correctly, risking the passenger's safety in the event of an accident. In the worst case, passenger injury or death could occur.



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 February 9, 2012, MFTBC notified MFTA that MFTBC had decided to conduct a Safety Recall Campaign in the U.S. and Canadian markets based on Warranty Service Claims and Product Quality Reports received from MFTA.

After deliberate study of failed parts, MFTBC determined that the failure is caused by the installation of a passenger side seat belt buckle designed for a different truck. The passenger side seat belt tang does not engage the incorrect seat belt buckle properly. In the worst case, the passenger could suffer an injury or death due to improper seat belt engagement. MFTA received six (6) Warranty Service Claims (WSCs) and three (3) 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:

The passenger's side seat belt buckle model number will be inspected. If the incorrect model number is found, the buckle will be replaced.

Following is MFTA's proposed campaign schedule:


Estimated parts arrival date: March 2, 2012
Estimated dealer notification: March 5, 2012
Estimated start of customer notification: March 8, 2012

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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c: Y. Okada (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>
7/21/2011	D4034160A
8/18/2011	D1029376Z
8/16/2011	D4042109M
10/10/2011	D3118101D
10/27/2011	D1208111L
11/21/2011	D2141102D

Product Quality and Field Reports (PQR/FR)

<u>Date of Receipt</u>	<u>MFTA PQR/FR Number</u>
8/29/2011	FV11T023A
10/21/2011	FV11T023B
11/4/2011	FV11T023C