

**\* \* ADVANCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION NOTICE \* \***

**DATE:** August 7, 2012

**TO:** Mitsubishi Motors US and Puerto Rico Service and Parts Managers

**RE:** Service Part Headlamps Voluntary Safety Recall

**ATIN NO.** ATIN-12-SR-002

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**AFFECTED VEHICLES:** 2001-2002 Montero  
2003-2006 Montero (Two US vehicles only)  
2008-2012\* Lancer, Lancer Evolution, Lancer Ralliart, Lancer Sportback,  
Lancer Sportback Ralliart  
\*Affected vehicles built before April 6, 2012

**PURPOSE**

Voluntary safety recall **SR-12-002** on **replacement headlamps** for 2001-2002 Montero, 2003-2006 Montero, and 2008-2012 Lancer models is being launched to dealers today. It will be available on MEDIC and the Mitsubishi Dealer Link for download later today. This recall campaign will be conducted in U.S. and Puerto Rico. **This action does not apply to headlamps originally installed at the factory.**

Certain **replacement headlamps** are not in compliance with the requirement of S7.8.2.1(1)(C) of FMVSS 108, "Lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment," which states a visually/optically aimable headlamp that has a lower beam shall not have a horizontal adjustment mechanism. Affected vehicles equipped with headlamps that allow for horizontal adjustment must be modified to disable the horizontal adjustment mechanism.

Affected 2001-2002 Montero and 2003-2006 Montero vehicles equipped with non-compliant headlamps require installation of an aiming cap to seal and disable the horizontal adjustment mechanism. Affected 2008-2012 Lancer vehicles equipped with non-compliant headlamps require bending of a vertically extended tab located on the headlamp to seal and disable the horizontal adjustment mechanism.

Affected new vehicle inventory VINs can be reviewed on the Mitsubishi Dealer Link in the Open Recalls List available under the service section of "e-reports" beginning today. Dealers must review the Warranty Superscreen to confirm if any vehicles in their new or used vehicle inventories are affected, and conduct this campaign prior to delivering them.

Only owners of affected vehicles identified through parts purchase records will be notified by mail beginning Tuesday, August 14, asking them to bring their vehicle to a Mitsubishi dealer for this repair.

Dealers will automatically receive an initial quantity of parts to complete the recall, shipped with stock orders the week of August 6, 2012. Dealers should order additional parts according to their individual requirements. Please refer to Parts Bulletin No. 54-XX-01-12 for additional information.

***IMPORTANT***

**Affected new or used inventory vehicles must be repaired before the vehicle is delivered. Dealers must check their inventory vehicles' VINs on the Warranty Super Screen to verify whether the vehicle is involved in this recall campaign. It is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment (including a tire) covered by the notification under a sale or lease until the defect or noncompliance is remedied.**

**File under the ATIN tab in the Dealer Service Information Binder (3914)**