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

DATE: November 5, 2013

TO: Mitsubishi Motors US and Puerto Rico Dealer Principals, General Managers,

**Service Managers, and Parts Managers** 

RE: 2008 - 2013 Lancer Evolution Clutch Master Cylinder Safety Recall

ATIN NO. ATIN-13-SR-009-A

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AFFECTED VEHICLES: Certain 2008 - 2013 Lancer Evolution Vehicles (built from December 12,

2007 to March 5, 2013)

## **PURPOSE**

A safety recall campaign will be released today for the clutch master cylinder installed on certain 2008 – 2013 Lancer Evolution vehicles built from December 12, 2007 to March 5, 2013. **Do not deliver any affected 2008 - 2013 Lancer Evolution vehicles built from December 12, 2007 to March 5, 2013 until this recall has been performed.** This recall campaign will be conducted in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada. The Recall Bulletin outlining the repair procedure will be available today on MEDIC and MDL.

Due to the insufficient bonding strength of clutch master cylinder components, separation may occur, resulting in fluid leakage. This condition results in the inability to engage or disengage the clutch, limits the ability to shift the transmission into or out of a gear, and can create a no start condition once the vehicle comes to a stop, which could lead to a greater risk of crash.

Dealers are requested to replace the clutch master cylinder, change the clutch fluid, the brake fluid, and if necessary, modify the existing clutch pedal with an interference protection plate on all affected vehicles. Genuine Mitsubishi DOT 3 Brake Fluid Part Number MZ311987 must be used to bleed the clutch and brake systems.

A supply of parts required to complete the recall campaign will be automatically shipped to dealers to allow for rework of <u>all in-stock / new unsold vehicle(s)</u>. Some dealers may also be **force allocated stock** using a formula based on the proximity and percentage of applicable registered VINs by ZIP code. Parts shipment will be processed via the 'R' order type and will be shipped along with your scheduled stock order beginning <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>November 5, 2013</u>. Dealers may place additional orders via the MDL. Please refer to Parts Bulletin 21-LE-01-13 for additional information.

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". 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.

## **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.