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May 27, 2014

Ms. Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: 2014 MY Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution & Ralliart Power Steering Pressure Tube

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. (MMNA) submits this letter pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 573.6 - Defect and Noncompliance Information Reports (DIR). This DIR contains details of a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety involving the 2014 MY Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution & Ralliart vehicles.

MMNA is unaware of any injuries and/or accidents related to this issue.

The subject vehicles are distributed in the United States by MMNA. This recall campaign will also be launched in Canada.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Mark Chaffin
Vice President, Fixed Operations
Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.

573.6 (c) (1) - Manufacturer's Name

Mitsubishi Motors Corporation

Designated U.S. Agency

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573.6 (c) (2) - Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect

Certain vehicles of the following model years and manufacturing period:

Make	Line	Model Year(s)	Manufacturing Period
Mitsubishi	Lancer Evolution	2014	January 31, 2014 – February 21, 2014
	Lancer Ralliart	2014	February 3, 2014 – February 14, 2014

573.6 (c) (3) - Total Number of Vehicles

Vehicle Line	Number of Vehicles
Lancer Evolution	127
Lancer Ralliart	19

573.6 (c) (4) - Approximate Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing the Defect:

The percentage of vehicles that may experience the subject condition is unknown.

573.6 (c) (5) - Defect Description

Certain 2014 MY Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution & Ralliart vehicles may have been manufactured with an insufficient clearance between the power steering pressure tube and the crossmember brace, possibly causing the power steering pressure tube to rust from abrasive contact. In the worst case scenario, a pin hole could develop and allow for power steering fluid leakage, resulting in increased steering effort and potential for a fire in the presence of an ignition source.

573.6 (c) (6) - Chronological Summary of Events Leading to Determination

In March 2014, during routine testing at the assembly line's final inspection point, an abnormal noise was observed. MMC immediately launched an investigation and confirmed the abnormal noise resulted from an insufficient clearance between the power steering pressure tube and the crossmember brace.

From March to April, 2014, MMC continued its investigation and found the production line for these models was changed in January 2014, and the work instruction to ensure the proper clearance between the subject components had not been transferred to the new line.



In May 2014, MMC completed its investigation and assessed that although this condition does not present an immediate risk to motor vehicle safety, rust may form from the abrasive contact between the subject components. After an extended time period (greater than two years), a pin hole could eventually develop in the power steering pressure tube, resulting in power steering fluid leakage.

On May 21, 2014, MMC decided that field action was necessary as a safety recall and advised MMNA to conduct a safety recall in the US.

573.6 (c) (8) - Proposed Remedy Description, Reimbursement, and Notification Schedule

Owners of all affected vehicles will be notified and encouraged to bring their vehicle in for an inspection. If there is an insufficient clearance, the power steering pressure tube assembly will be replaced at no charge to the customer. Owners seeking reimbursement for any expenses associated with this recall will be directed in the notification letter to contact the Mitsubishi Customer Relations Department for instructions on how to apply for a refund.

MMNA is working internally to determine the dealer and customer notification date and will update accordingly.

573.6 (c) (11) - Manufacturer's Campaign Number

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