

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

**DATE:** January 19, 2017  
**TO:** Mitsubishi Motors US and Puerto Rico Dealer Principals, General Managers, Service Managers, and Parts Managers  
**RE:** Lift Gate Gas Spring Corrosion Safety Recall Campaign  
**TIN NO.** TIN-16-SR-011-B

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**AFFECTED VEHICLES:** Certain 2011, 2012, 2016 Outlander Sport

**PURPOSE**

Customer letters for the Lift Gate Gas Spring Corrosion Safety Recall Campaign will be mailed this week to approximately 50,000 owners of certain 2011, 2012, and 2016 Outlander Sport vehicles built between August 26, 2010 and July 8, 2016. If the customer contacts your dealership after receiving this letter, please perform the procedures outlined in SR-16-011 on the affected vehicle.

Approximately 37,000 owners of certain 2011 – 2012 Outlander Sport vehicles will receive a “combo” letter for this campaign and Safety Recall SR-16-010 – Windshield Wiper Motor. If the customer contacts your dealership after receiving the “combo” letter, please perform the procedures outlined in SR-16-011 and SR-16-010 (C1611Z) on the affected vehicle. The Recall Bulletins SR-16-010 and SR-16-011 are currently available on MEDIC and MDL. Samples of both customer letters are included below.

The supplier may have applied insufficient anti-corrosion treatment to the outer tube of the lift gate gas spring. The lift gate gas spring provides lifting assistance for the lift gate and operates utilizing high pressure gas. If insufficient anti-corrosion coating is applied to the outer tube of the gas spring, it is possible for the outer tube to corrode over time due to salt and water penetration. If this occurs, it is possible for the gas spring to rapidly lose pressure. If the gas spring rapidly loses pressure, the lift gate may fall down suddenly, causing injury.

Dealers are requested to inspect **and replace** the lift gate gas springs on all affected vehicles. Inspections resulting in “NG” finding(s) must have photos taken of the NG condition and posted to Photos Required Condition (PRC). Both lift gate gas springs must be replaced on all affected vehicles.

Some dealers may be force allocated stock using a formula based on the proximity and percentage of applicable registered VINs by ZIP code. Parts shipments are processed via the ‘R’ order type and will start shipping along with your scheduled stock order beginning Friday, January 20, 2017. Dealers may place additional orders via the MDL. Please refer to Parts Bulletin TS-XX-01-17 for additional information.

Affected new vehicle inventory VINs can be reviewed on the Mitsubishi Dealer Link in the **Most Recent: Open Campaign 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. When checking for applicability of this campaign (C1614Z), please check for and complete any other open campaigns. Always obtain the customer’s approval before completing a campaign on a customer owned vehicle.

**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 Superscreen 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.**



# IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.

6400 Katella Avenue  
Cypress, CA 90630  
Telephone: 714-372-6000  
www.mitsubishicars.com

This notice applies to your vehicle, \_\_\_\_\_.

Date: January, 2017

Dear FIRSTNAME LASTNAME,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

**Reason for notice:** Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. (MMNA) has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2011, 2012, and 2016 Outlander Sport vehicles. The supplier may have applied insufficient anti-corrosion treatment to the outer tube of the lift gate gas spring. The lift gate gas spring provides lifting assistance for the lift gate and operates utilizing high pressure gas. If insufficient anti-corrosion coating is applied to the outer tube of the gas spring, it is possible for the outer tube to corrode over time due to salt and water penetration. If this occurs, it is possible for the gas spring to rapidly lose pressure. If the gas spring rapidly loses pressure, the lift gate may fall down suddenly, causing injury.

**What you should do:** Please contact your local Authorized Mitsubishi Motors dealer and schedule an appointment to have the recall remedy performed on your vehicle. When you bring your vehicle in, please show the dealer this letter. (If you misplace this letter, the dealer will still perform this repair to your vehicle, free of charge.)

**What your dealer will do:** The dealership will replace both gas springs with newly manufactured ones.

**How long will it take?** The time needed for the replacement of both lift gate gas springs is **1 hour**. The dealer may need your vehicle for a longer period of time, but every effort will be made to minimize your inconvenience.

If you experience any problem having your vehicle repaired promptly and/or at no charge, please inform us by calling the Mitsubishi Customer Relations Department at **888-648-7820**. Hours: Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Pacific Time).

If, after contacting Mitsubishi Customer Relations, you still have a problem getting this repair made promptly and/or without charge, write to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, D.C. 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

If you have already encountered a problem with the lift gate gas springs and had them repaired or replaced as a result of this specific condition and have paid for the repair, you may send your original repair order or invoice, **and** original receipt/proof of payment to the following address for reimbursement consideration:

Mitsubishi Customer Relations Department, P.O. Box 6400, Cypress, CA 90630-0064

**If you are the lessor of this vehicle**, please forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days to comply with federal regulations.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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(1) Water can potentially drop down onto the front wiper motor through a gap between the front deck garnish (the body piece between the hood and windshield) and the front windshield. If this occurs, water could potentially collect in the area of the wiper motor breathing hole. If the wiper motor is not operating, this water can then potentially enter the wiper motor through the breathing hole. If this occurs, such water intrusion over time may cause internal corrosion and/or electrical conduction failure resulting in nonoperation of the windshield wiper motor. If the windshield wiper motor stops operating, the driver will not be able to activate the windshield wipers, reducing driver visibility under certain conditions and increasing the risk of a vehicle crash.

(2) The supplier may have applied insufficient anti-corrosion treatment to the outer tube of the lift gate gas spring. The lift gate gas spring provides lifting assistance for the lift gate and operates utilizing high pressure gas. If insufficient anti-corrosion coating is applied to the outer tube of the gas spring, it is possible for the outer tube to corrode over time due to salt and water penetration. If this occurs, it is possible for the gas spring to rapidly lose pressure. If the gas spring rapidly loses pressure, the lift gate may fall down suddenly, causing injury.

**What you should do:** Please contact your local Authorized Mitsubishi Motors dealer and schedule an appointment to have these recall remedies performed on your vehicle. When you bring your vehicle in, please show the dealer this letter. (If you misplace this letter, the dealer will still perform these repairs to your vehicle, free of charge.)

**What your dealer will do:** The dealership will replace the wiper motor with an upgraded wiper motor that will prevent water intrusion and replace both gas springs with newly manufactured ones.

**How long will it take?** The time needed for replacing the wiper motor and lift gate gas springs is **1.5 hrs**. The dealer may need your vehicle for a longer period of time, but every effort will be made to minimize your inconvenience.

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If you have already encountered a problem with the windshield wiper motor and/or lift gate gas springs and had them repaired or replaced as a result of these specific conditions and have paid for these repairs, you may send your original repair order(s) or invoice(s), **and** original receipt/proof of payment(s) to the following address for reimbursement consideration:

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