



Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.

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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

This notice applies to your vehicle, _____.

Date: March 2019

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 defects which relate to motor vehicle safety exist in certain 2011 and 2012 Outlander Sport vehicles.

- (1) 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.
- (2) The flange of the drive belt automatic tensioner may crack, causing detachment of the drive belt. If the drive belt detaches, the alternator will not charge the battery, causing an engine stall, and/or the power steering assist will be disabled, increasing the risk of a crash.

What you should do: Please contact your local Authorized Mitsubishi Motors dealer and schedule an appointment to have the lift gate gas springs replaced and the drive belt automatic tensioner inspected. 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 lift gate gas springs with newly manufactured ones, free of charge. The dealership will also inspect the drive belt automatic tensioner on your vehicle to determine if it is a countermeasure unit. If the drive belt automatic tensioner on your vehicle is not a countermeasure unit, the dealer will replace it with a countermeasure unit, free of charge.

How long will it take? The time needed for these repairs is approximately **1.5 - 2.0 hrs.** 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, you may submit a complaint 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/or a cracked drive belt automatic tensioner flange and had them replaced or repaired as a result of these specific conditions and have paid for the repair(s), you may send your original repair order(s) or invoice(s) **and** original receipt(s)/proof of payment(s) 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.

Sincerely,

Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.

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