

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

20V-035

Manufacturer Name : Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.

Submission Date : JAN 22, 2020

NHTSA Recall No. : 20V-035

Manufacturer Recall No. : SR-20-001



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.

Address : 6400 Katella Avenue

Cypress CA 90630

Company phone : 1-888-648-7820

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 20,000

Estimated percentage with defect : 1 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 1998-2000 Mitsubishi Montero

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Vehicles equipped with the Takata Non-Azide Driver air bag Inflators (NADI) manufactured between May 1995 and March 1999.

Production Dates : JUN 12, 1997 - DEC 31, 1999

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : According to Takata, NADI manufactured between May 1995 and March 1999 may absorb moisture, causing the inflators to rupture or the airbag cushion to underinflate in vehicle collisions involving airbag deployment, increasing the risk of serious injury or death.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the NADI rupture or the airbag cushion underinflates in vehicle collisions involving airbag deployment, vehicle occupants could potentially be at increased risk of serious injury or death.

Description of the Cause : MMC is currently investigating NADI in Mitsubishi vehicles.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Takata (TK Global LLC)
Address : 111 Peyerk Court
Romeo MICHIGAN 48065
Country : United States

Chronology :

On November 27, 2019, Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. (MMNA) received from Joyson Safety Systems (JSS) a copy of the DIR filed by TK Global with NHTSA regarding the subject Takata NAD Inflators.

On December 18, 2019, MMNA received an equipment query (EQ), number EQ19-002, from NHTSA regarding certain Takata NADI.

On January 14, 2020, Mitsubishi Motors Corporation (MMC) received a letter from JSS stating that “while investigation continues, the information contained in the TK Global’s defect investigation report (DIR), number 19E-080, is consistent with the current understanding of JSS regarding potential anomalies in the field performance of the subject inflators.”

On January 17, 2020, while MMC and Joyson continue to investigate NADI Inflators in the subject Mitsubishi vehicles, out of abundance of caution, MMC determined that a field action was necessary in the US, and advised MMNA to conduct a safety recall.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The remedy plan has not yet been determined and will be updated accordingly.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The remedy plan has not yet been determined and will be updated accordingly.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : According to the 19E-080 DIR submitted by Takata, a design change and process improvement was implemented to the foil seal tape which more effectively prevented moisture ingress.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : MMNA is working internally to determine the dealer and customer notification date and will update accordingly.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : FEB 05, 2020 - FEB 05, 2020

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAR 22, 2020 - MAR 22, 2020

* NR - Not Reported