

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF
DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 99V-066.002 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: April 5, 1999

MANUFACTURER: Mitsubishi Motor Sales of America, Inc.

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Mr. Kent Reeves, Manager
Product Engineering and Technical Compliance

FAX: (714) 373-1021

SUBJECT: 1,731 Mitsubishi 1995 Galant model vehicles built in Japan and manufactured from March 29, 1995 through April 14, 1995. The rubber boot on the lower lateral arm ball joint could get damaged and allow dirt and water intrusion. This can cause extraordinary wear on the ball joint.

This is an **initial** acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE99-008, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

A draft copy of the notification documents must be submitted to this office by facsimile (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing as well as an estimated owner notification mailing date.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. The current quarter began April 1 and ends on June 30, 1999. If owner notification begins during this time period, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 1999.

Note: Mitsubishi Motor Manufacturing of America, Inc. will be assigned Recall No. 99V-066.001
DaimlerChrysler will be assigned Recall No. 99V-066.003.

If you have any questions, please call:

Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst or Jonathan White, Chief
on (202) 366-5227 or by FAX (202) 366-7882
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Dear Mr. Reeves:

After review of the file concerning this recall, it appears that an acknowledgment letter was never sent to you. Please accept our apologies for this oversight.

We have reviewed Mitsubishi Motor Sales of America, Inc.'s (Mitsubishi) Defect Information Report dated April 5, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves approximately 1,731 Mitsubishi 1995 Galant model vehicles built in Japan and manufactured from March 29, 1995 through April 14, 1995. The rubber boot on the lower lateral arm ball joint could get damaged and allow dirt and water intrusion. This can cause extraordinary wear on the ball joint. **The assigned ID Number for this recall campaign is 99V-066.002.**

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Recall Communications

Communications pertaining to safety recalls and issued by Mitsubishi to more than one distributor, dealer, purchaser, or owner are to be submitted to this office within 5 days of issuance as described under 49 CFR Part 573.5(c)(9). Where this information is sent over a period time, the communications are to be submitted within 5 days from the date the communications were first sent, and furnish the date, or range of dates, each communication was issued. This includes information transmitted by computer, telefax, or other electronic means; and initial or interim communications. All copies are to be in readable form and a written transcript should be provided for each non-written communication. Also, if the communication was not nationally and uniformly distributed, then identify the criteria used for the distribution.

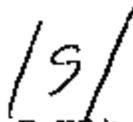
Manufacturer Communications

Part 573.8, "Notices, Bulletins and Other Communications," requires that every motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment manufacturer shall furnish a copy of **all notices, bulletins, and other communications (including warranty and policy extension communiques and product improvement bulletins)** to manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or purchasers, regarding any defect in its vehicle or items of equipment (including any failure or malfunction beyond normal

deterioration in use, any failure of performance, or any flaw or unintended deviation from design specifications), whether or not such defect is safety related. These notices or communications are to be submitted, regardless of the media used to transmit the information. Where communications are made orally or electronically, provide a transcript. In all other cases, provide the information in the media form used to transmit the information. On a case by case basis, we may require written transcripts of this material as well. Copies are to be submitted monthly, not more than 5 working days after the end of each month.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202)366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,



Jonathan D. White, Chief
Recall Analysis Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Safety Assurance