



October 31, 2003

Ms. Kathleen DeMeter, Esq.
Director, Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Re: Defect Information Report
Number: 034ZND0139

Ms. DeMeter:

In accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR Part 573.5 Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. (MMNA) hereby furnishes this Defect Information Report, which contains details of a defect in a limited number of 2003 and 2004 model year MMNA manufactured vehicles.

This report covers vehicles distributed by Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. (MMNA), Daimler Chrysler (DC) and Mitsubishi Motor Sales of the Caribbean (MMSA). Each distributor will advise you of their launching schedule and provide copies of the Owner Notification Letter, Service Bulletin and all other pertinent information prior to customer notification.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (309) 888-8900 or Mr. J. Bachman at (309) 888-8943.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Berwanger", is written over a horizontal line.

Jerry Berwanger
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Sr. Vice President - Quality
Mitsubishi Motor Manufacturing of America, Inc.

Attachment: DIR

Defect Information Report for;
Number:

Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. - Mfg. Div.
034ZND0139

1. The manufacturer's name:

**Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. - Manufacturing Division
100 N. Mitsubishi Motorway
Normal, Illinois 61761**

2. Identification of the vehicles and defect item:

Make	Line	Model Year	Dates of Manufacture
Mitsubishi	Galant	2003	2003-8-1 ~ 2003-9-11
Mitsubishi	Eclipse	2004	2003-8-1 ~ 2003-9-11
Mitsubishi	Eclipse Spyder	2004	2003-8-1 ~ 2003-9-11
Chrysler	Sebring Coupe	2004	2003-8-1 ~ 2003-9-11
Dodge	Stratus Coupe	2004	2003-8-1 ~ 2003-9-11

3. Total number of vehicles:

Make	Line	Model Year	Volume
Mitsubishi	Galant	2003	3,814
Mitsubishi	Eclipse	2004	1,689
Mitsubishi	Eclipse Spyder	2004	1,041
Chrysler	Sebring Coupe	2004	1,101
Dodge	Stratus Coupe	2004	3,020
TOTAL =			10,665

4. Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the potential defect:

It is impossible to estimate the actual number of vehicles that contain the defect, however, owners of all potentially affected vehicles will be notified, and those vehicles will be included in this campaign.

5. Description of the defect including summary:

The fuel return line hose fitting on the electric fuel pump may be restricted, causing excessive fuel pressure to build up in the fuel injection system. Excessive fuel pressure may result in the fuel return hose becoming dislodged, resulting in fuel leakage. Fuel leakage in the presence of an ignition source could result in a fire.

6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

A routine Mitsubishi in plant audit of a vehicle revealed a slight driveability issue which resulted in the replacement of the fuel pump. A field report of excessive fuel pressure led to the return of several fuel pumps. These electric fuel pumps were returned to the supplier for investigation. It was found that a piece of plastic flashing in the fuel pump return line fitting was obstructing the return line opening, resulting in excessive fuel pressure. A report from the field of fuel leakage from a rental car company led to this determination.

7. Test results for a noncompliance:

Not applicable.

8. Description of the proposed remedy:

Owners of all affected vehicles will be notified and encouraged to bring their vehicles in for inspection of fuel pump pressure. Those vehicles exhibiting higher than normal fuel pump pressure will receive fuel pump modifications.

9. Launch date:

The estimated launch date for customer notification is expected within 30 days, when an appropriate supply of parts becomes available and the customer notification letters and service bulletin are completed.

10. Notices, bulletins and communication:

Copies of the owner letters, bulletins will be provided as soon as they are available.

Any owners that may have already paid to have this condition corrected will be directed to call the appropriate customer relations hot line phone number.

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