



U.S. Department  
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National Highway  
Traffic Safety

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

Assigned Recall No. **04V-319** by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **July 01, 2004**

Date Faxed: **July 09, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.**

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**SUBJECT: 44,214 Mitsubishi 2002-2004 Montero sport utility vehicles manufactured from April 4, 2001 through May 21, 2004. When the fuel tank is in the full condition and the vehicle is parked forward on an upward slope, the fuel tank leveling valve may not maintain proper sealing in the event the fuel expands from the rise in ambient temperature. If the fuel leveling valve does not seal properly liquid gasoline may leak onto the ground. Gasoline in the presence of an ignition source may result in a fire. Mitsubishi Recall No. SR-04-009.**

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

Please provide us with a draft owner notification letter for our review before mailing to consumers.

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. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during August 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:

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