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Nancy Lewis, Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Rm. W21200  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Subject: Safety Recall Notification concerning the transmission oil cooler hose clamps**  
**Model Years: 2013-2014; Models: FEC52, FEC72, FEC92, FGB72**  
**MFTA Safety Recall – C1006410 Transmission Oil Cooler Hose Clamps**

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Pursuant to 49 CFR, Part 573, Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc. (MFTA) herewith files a defect and noncompliance information report concerning the transmission oil cooler hose clamps on certain 2013 and 2014 model year FEC52, FEC72, FEC92 and FGB72 Mitsubishi Fuso trucks for all states. The contents of this report are arranged to follow the sequence set forth in Section 573.5.

The Dealer Recall Information Bulletin and a sample of the letter that will be sent to each Mitsubishi Fuso truck owner affected by this recall will be forwarded to you upon completion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William P. Mohr".

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Enclosure: As stated

Defect and Noncompliance Information Report

1. The manufacturer's name:

Mitsubishi Fuso Truck & Bus Corporation (MFTBC), Japan

2. Identification of the vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment potentially containing the defect or noncompliance:

<b>Models</b>	<b>Model Year Range</b>
FEC52	2013-2014
FEC72	2013-2014
FEC92	2013-2014
FGB72	2013-2014

a) Inclusive dates of manufacture:

<b>Models</b>	<b>Vehicle Production</b>
FEC52	September 26, 2012 through January 29, 2013
FEC72	September 25, 2012 through January 30, 2013
FEC92	September 21, 2012 through January 30, 2013
FGB72	October 12, 2012 through January 30, 2013

b) GVWR or class of truck:

<b>Models</b>	<b>GVWR</b>	<b>Class</b>
FEC52	12,500	3
FEC72	15,995	4
FEC92	17,995	5
FGB72	14,050	4

c) Names of the components:

Transmission oil cooler hose clamps

3. The total number of vehicles or items of equipment potentially containing the defect or noncompliance, and where available, the number of vehicles or items of equipment in each group identified pursuant to paragraph (c) (2) of the section:

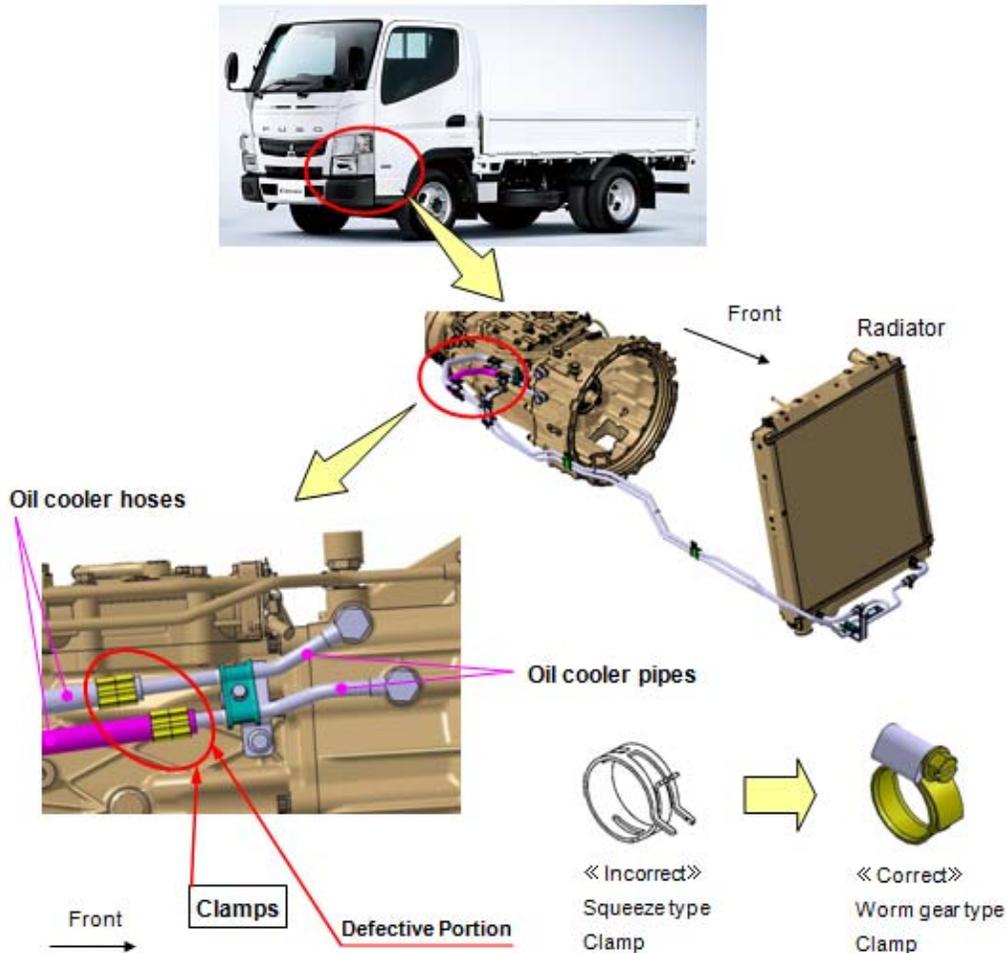
<b>Models</b>	<b># of U.S. Vehicles</b>	<b># of Canada Vehicles</b>	
FEC52	61	4	
FEC72	296	40	
FEC92	204	28	
FGB72	39	8	
<b>Totals</b>	600	80	680

4. The percentage of vehicles or items of equipment specified pursuant to paragraph (c) (2) of the section estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance:

Unknown

5. A description of the defect or noncompliance, including both a brief summary and a detailed description, with graphic aids as necessary, of the nature and physical location (if applicable) of the defect or noncompliance:

On affected vehicles, the transmission oil cooler hoses may leak transmission fluid (ATF) due to the use of hose clamps of insufficient tightening force. In the worst case, a quantity of ATF sufficient to prevent the transmission from shifting may leak from the assembly, rendering the transmission inoperative, causing a crash without warning.



6. In the case of defect, a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their date of receipt:

On September 9, 2013, MFTBC notified MFTA that MFTBC had decided to conduct a Safety Recall Campaign in the U.S. and Canadian markets.

After deliberate study of failed parts, MFTBC determined that the failure is caused by the use of hose clamps of insufficient tightening force. Repeated normal vehicle operation may allow a sufficient quantity of ATF to leak from the oil cooler hoses that would prevent the transmission from shifting, rendering the transmission inoperative, causing a crash without warning. MFTA received zero (0) Warranty Service Claims (WSCs) and zero (0) Product Quality Reports (PQRs) relating to affected vehicles. MFTA has received no notice of accident or injury relating to the subject component.

7. In the case of noncompliance, the test results or other data on the basis of which the manufacturer determined the existence of the noncompliance:

Not applicable

8. A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance:

The hose clamps will be replaced on all affected vehicles.

Following is MFTA's proposed campaign schedule:

Estimated parts arrival date: October 14, 2013

Estimated dealer notification: October 17, 2013

Estimated start of customer notification: October 21, 2013

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer or purchaser:

MFTA will provide NHTSA with a final copy of all related documents.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,



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c: Y. Okada (MFTBC)

Summary Report of All Warranty Claims, Field or Service Reports,  
and Other Information, with their Date of Receipt

Warranty Service Claims (WSC)

None

Product Quality and Field Reports (PQR/FR)

None