

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****15V-546****Manufacturer Name :** Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.**Submission Date :** AUG 28,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-546**Manufacturer Recall No. :** SR-15-009**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.

Address : 6400 Katella Avenue

Cypress CA 90630

Company phone : 714-372-6000

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 1,497

Estimated percentage with defect : NR

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2014-2015 Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Only turbocharged vehicles are affected by this recall.

Production Dates : JAN 31, 2014 - SEP 05, 2014

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : JA32W5FV0EU019895

End : JA32W8FVXE025236

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2014-2015 Mitsubishi Lancer Ralliart

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Only turbocharged vehicles are affected by this recall.

Production Dates : FEB 03, 2014 - SEP 05, 2014

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : JA32V6FV0EU018965

End : JA32V6FVXE022750

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Due to an improper installation of the right parking brake cable on affected vehicles, the cable may have insufficient clearance with the fuel tank, causing abrasive contact between the two components. The coating on the fuel tank could deteriorate from this abrasive contact and potentially allow for rust formation. In the worst case scenario, a pin hole could develop and allow for fuel leakage.

FMVSS 1 :NR

FMVSS 2 :NR

Description of the Safety Risk : Fuel leakage in the presence of an ignition source increases the risk of fire.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

#### **Supplier Identification :**

##### **Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

#### **Chronology :**

In August 2014, during a routine internal audit, Mitsubishi Motors Corporation (MMC) found a vehicle with insufficient clearance between the right parking brake cable and the fuel tank. MMC began an investigation on the root cause of this insufficient clearance.

In October 2014, MMC's investigation confirmed that the assembly line for turbocharged Lancer based models was changed to another assembly line in January, 2014. During this changeover, the parking brake lever and cable installation procedure for non-turbocharged Lancer based models was used instead of the installation procedure for turbocharged Lancer based models. Due to the difference in right parking brake cable length, the right parking brake cable was installed with insufficient clearance to the fuel tank on turbocharged Lancer-based models.

From October 2014 to August 2015, although there were no reported field claims, MMC continued its investigation, including the potential for future safety risk. MMC assessed that although this condition does not present an immediate risk to motor vehicle safety, rust may form from abrasive contact between the subject components. After an extended time period, a pin hole could eventually develop in the fuel tank, resulting in fuel leakage.

On August 21, 2015, MMC decided that field action was necessary as a safety recall and advised MMNA to conduct a safety recall in the US.

#### **Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Owners of all affected vehicles will be notified and encouraged to bring in their vehicles for (1) replacement of the right parking brake cable and (2) inspection of their fuel tank. If the fuel tank's exterior coating exhibits damage from abrasive contact with the right parking brake cable, the fuel tank will also be replaced. Owners seeking reimbursement for any expenses associated with this recall will be directed in the notification letter to contact the Mitsubishi Customer Relations Department for instructions on how to apply for a refund.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR  
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

**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 : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

\* NR - Not Reported