

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**15V-321****Manufacturer Name :** Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.**Submission Date :** MAY 27,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-321**Manufacturer Recall No. :** SR-14-012**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 : 82,784

Estimated percentage with defect : NR

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle : 2004-2006 Mitsubishi Lancer

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : This recall supersedes and is an expansion of NHTSA Campaign No. 14V-752. All remaining 2005 Lancer vehicles and some 2006 Lancer vehicles are being added to this recall. Further, this recall is being expanded from a regional action, and will now include all affected vehicles nationwide, regardless of garaging or registration history.

Production Dates : AUG 04, 2003 - AUG 28, 2006

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : JA3AJ26E05U000210

End : JA3AJ26E74U069748

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2004-2004 Mitsubishi Lancer Sportback

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : STATIONWAGON

Power Train : GAS

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Production Dates : AUG 04, 2003 - JAN 23, 2004

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : JA3AD29F64U003770

End : JA3AD29F14U055937

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2004-2006 Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

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Production Dates : FEB 11, 2004 - SEP 01, 2006

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : JA3AH86C56U002002

End : JA3AH36D04U070684

Not sequential VINs

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : As stated by Takata in its Defect Information Report dated May 18, 2015, "(t)he propellant wafers in some of the subject inflators may experience an alteration over time, which could potentially lead to over-aggressive combustion in the event of an air bag deployment. Depending on the circumstances, this potential condition could create excessive internal pressure when the air bag is deployed, which could result in the body of the inflator rupturing upon deployment."

Description of the Safety Risk : As stated by Takata in its Defect Information Report dated May 18, 2015, "(i)n the event of an inflator rupture, metal fragments could pass through the air bag cushion material, which may result in injury or death to vehicle occupants."

Description of the Cause : As set forth by Takata in its Defect Information Report dated May 18, 2015, "the potential for such ruptures may occur in some of the subject inflators after several years of exposure to persistent conditions of high absolute humidity." Takata further stated that it "is also aware of a potential issue associated with the inflator body internal tape seals on some SPI inflators. ...Such a leak can increase the potential for moisture to reach the main propellant wafers, possibly in areas outside of the highest absolute humidity States."

As set forth by NHTSA in its letter dated May 19, 2015, acknowledging Takata's Defect Information Report dated May 18, 2015, it states: "Takata Corporation (Takata) has determined that some model SPI air bag inflators assembled as part of the passenger frontal air bag module for model year 2001-2008 vehicles, and used as original or replacement equipment during service, may rupture from exposure to persistent conditions of high absolute humidity and/or due to manufacturing variability."

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : TK Holdings

Address : 888 16th street NW

Suite 800 Washington DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 20006

Country : United States

Chronology :

October 2014 – November 2014

In cooperation with the investigation undertaken by NHTSA and Takata Corporation, Mitsubishi recovered certain air bag inflators (14V-421) from the field. Mitsubishi provided these air bag inflators to Takata for evaluation. Takata evaluated a specific number of these air bag inflators to determine if they exhibited a defect.

November 19, 2014

Takata provided the initial results of their air bag inflator testing to Mitsubishi. Takata subsequently advised Mitsubishi that 12 air bag inflators from Mitsubishi vehicles had been tested, and that an abnormal inflation was observed on one of the air bag inflators returned from South Florida. This result was discussed by Mitsubishi with NHTSA.

November 24, 2014

Based on the above information supplied by Takata, and though Mitsubishi has never had a reported claim or incident involving this issue, Mitsubishi decided to conduct a safety recall campaign. The vehicles included in this recall are those originally sold in or those ever registered in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, South Carolina, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, Saipan and American Samoa.

May 26, 2014

Based on the May 18, 2015 Defect Information Report submitted by Takata, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) request to vehicle manufacturers, and in an abundance of caution, Mitsubishi decided to expand NHTSA Campaign No. 14V-752 to (1) include all remaining 2005 Lancer vehicles and those 2006 Lancer vehicles utilizing the SPI inflator at issue, and (2) to cover all affected vehicles nationwide, regardless of garaging or registration history.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : All known owners of the affected Mitsubishi vehicles will be notified by first class mail to return their vehicles to a Mitsubishi dealer. The dealer will replace the front passenger airbag inflator with a newly manufactured one at no cost to owners.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : At this time, MMNA intends to update its VIN look up tool by June 3, 2015, notify all Mitsubishi dealers by the same date, and begin notifying customers by first class mail on June 17, 2015.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : JUN 03, 2015 - JUN 03, 2015

Planned Owner Notification Date : JUN 17, 2015 - JUN 24, 2015

* NR - Not Reported