Manufacturer Name: Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.
Submission Date: JAN 26, 2018
NHTSA Recall No.: 18V-069
Manufacturer Recall No.: SR-18-001

Manufacturer Information:
Manufacturer Name: Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.
Address: 6400 Katella Avenue
Cypress CA 90630
Company phone: 1-888-648-7820

Population:
Number of potentially involved: 141,053
Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information:
Vehicle 1: 2009-2012 Mitsubishi Lancer
Type: LIGHT VEHICLES
Body Style: 4-DOOR
Power Train: GAS
Descriptive Information: Affected vehicles are equipped with 4B11 or 4B12 engines.
Production Dates: MAR 20, 2008 - NOV 17, 2011
VIN Range 1: Begin: JA3AU86W29U009242  End: JA32V2FW8CU012183  Not sequential

Vehicle 2: 2008-2012 Mitsubishi Outlander
Type: LIGHT VEHICLES
Body Style: 4-DOOR
Power Train: GAS
Descriptive Information: Affected vehicles are equipped with 4B12 engines.
VIN Range 1: Begin: JA4LT21W48Z020224  End: JA4AS2AW6CU012173  Not sequential

Vehicle 3: 2010-2012 Mitsubishi Lancer Sportback
Type: LIGHT VEHICLES
Body Style: 4-DOOR
Power Train: GAS
Descriptive Information: Affected vehicles are equipped with 4B11 or 4B12 engines.
Production Dates: JUN 17, 2009 - NOV 15, 2011
VIN Range 1: Begin: JA32X8HW7AU000209  End: JA32X8HW3CU012067  Not sequential

Vehicle 4: 2011-2012 Mitsubishi Outlander Sport
Type: LIGHT VEHICLES
Body Style: 4-DOOR
Power Train: GAS
The information contained in this report was submitted pursuant to 49 CFR §573

**Descriptive Information :** Affected vehicles are equipped with 4B11 engines.

**Production Dates :** AUG 26, 2010 - DEC 15, 2011

**VIN Range 1 :** Begin: JA4AP4AU2BZ000101 End: JA4AP3AUXCZ001914

**Description of Defect :**

- **Description of the Defect :** Due to repetition of high load operations, the flange of the drive belt automatic tensioner may crack, causing the drive belt detachment.

  - **FMVSS 1 :** NR
  - **FMVSS 2 :** NR

- **Description of the Safety Risk :** If the drive belt detaches, the alternator will not charge the battery, causing engine stall, and/or the power steering assist will be disabled, increasing the risk of a crash.

- **Description of the Cause :** Due to inappropriate shape of the flange of the drive belt automatic tensioner, stress concentration occurs.

- **Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** If the drive belt detaches, the Battery Charge warning lamp will illuminate.

**Supplier Identification :**

**Component Manufacturer**

- **Name :** Schaeffler Group USA Inc.
- **Address :** 308 Springhill Farm Road
  
  Fort Mill SOUTH CAROLINA 29715

- **Country :** United States

**Chronology :**

In September 2010, MMC received a field report stating that the automatic tensioner was broken and the Battery Charge warning lamp illuminated. MMC began an investigation.

In December 2011, MMC confirmed that the plain bearing in the automatic tensioner was changed to Lead-free product in March 2008. The flange of the Lead-free product may crack because of the stress concentration if high load operation is repeated. Accordingly, MMC determined to change the shape of the flange to avoid stress concentration in production.

From December 2011 to November 2015, MMC decided to monitor field data because the predicted occurrence rate was low.

From December 2015 to January 2018, MMC have received additional field report and confirmed that the predicted occurrence rate is increasing.

On January 19 2018, MMC determined that a field action was necessary in the US to address this condition, and
advised Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. to conduct a safety recall.

**Description of Remedy:**

- **Description of Remedy Program:** Owners of all affected vehicles will be notified and encouraged to bring their vehicles in to replace the auto tensioner with a countermeasure unit. The repair will be performed at no charge to the vehicle owners. 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 reimbursement consideration.

- **How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component:** The auto tensioner will be replaced with one with improved shape.
  - Old Part Number: 1345A060
  - New Part Number: 1345A158

- **Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production:** The shape of the flange of the auto tensioner was changed in December 2011.

**Recall Schedule:**

- **Description of Recall Schedule:** remedy letters scheduled
- **Planned Dealer Notification Date:** FEB 09, 2018 - FEB 09, 2018
- **Planned Owner Notification Date:** MAR 27, 2018 - MAR 27, 2018

* NR - Not Reported