



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

November 6, 2020

Mr. J. Michael Harris
Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc.
2015 Center Square Road
Logan Township, NJ 08085

NEF-150MR
20V-645

Subject: Vacuum Pump Failure Due to Heat Exposure

Dear Mr. Harris:

This letter serves to acknowledge Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

MITSUBISHI FUSO/FEC7T/2019-2021
MITSUBISHI FUSO/FEC9T/2019-2021
MITSUBISHI FUSO/FECZT/2019-2021

Mfr's Report Date: October 19, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V-645

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:POWER ASSIST:VACUUM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4,332

Problem Description:

Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc. (MFTA) is recalling certain 2019-2021 FEC7T, FECZT, and FEC9T vehicles. The brake booster vacuum pump assembly may be affected by heat radiating off the exhaust manifold during normal engine operation. This heat can cause the diaphragm in the pump to crack, resulting in loss of vacuum in the vacuum pump.

Consequence:

If loss of vacuum occurs, power brake assist may become inoperable, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

The remedy for this issued has not yet been finalized. The manufacturer has not yet provided a schedule for recall notification. Owners may contact MFTA customer service at 1-877-711-0707.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify dealers and/or distributors regarding this safety recall. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefor, and furnish a revised estimate. If your company does not have dealers or distributors, please state so in the 573 (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify owners regarding this safety recall. Please be reminded that all owners must be notified of the safety risk associated with this filing within 60 days of the 573 being submitted. If the remedy is not available at that time, mail the interim notice, following it with a second notice once the remedy becomes available. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefor, and furnish a revised estimate. If there are no owners involved in this recall, please state so in the 573 (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Joshua Neff
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement