

FRONT SAFETY BELT BUCKLE RELEASE BUTTON CAN BREAK

1991 Mitsubishi Montero

NHTSA RECALL BULLETIN

Model(s) : 1986 Mitsubishi Cordia
1986 Mitsubishi Galant
1986 Mitsubishi Mirage
1986 Mitsubishi Montero
1986 Mitsubishi Pickup
1986 Mitsubishi Starion
1987 Mitsubishi Cordia
1987 Mitsubishi Galant
1987 Mitsubishi Mirage
1987 Mitsubishi Montero
1987 Mitsubishi Pickup
1987 Mitsubishi Van/Wagon
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1989 Mitsubishi Galant
1989 Mitsubishi Mirage
1989 Mitsubishi Montero
1989 Mitsubishi Pickup
1989 Mitsubishi Sigma
1989 Mitsubishi Van/Wagon
1990 Mitsubishi Eclipse
1990 Mitsubishi Mirage
1990 Mitsubishi Montero
1990 Mitsubishi Pickup
1990 Mitsubishi Sigma
1990 Mitsubishi Van/Wagon
1991 Mitsubishi 3000GT
1991 Mitsubishi Eclipse
1991 Mitsubishi Mirage
1991 Mitsubishi Montero
1991 Mitsubishi Pickup

Campaign No: 95V103004
Number of Affected Vehicles: 658000
Beginning Date of Manufacture: 1985 APR
Ending Date of Manufacture: 1991 JUL

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION:

Passenger vehicles and light duty trucks and vans equipped with safety belts made by Takata Corporation.

SYSTEM:

Seat belts; belt buckles.

FAULT:

Fastener, Thread failure.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:

The front safety belt buckle release buttons can break. These red plastic release buttons are marked "PRESS." If a button breaks, pieces can fall into the buckle assembly causing the buckle to operate

improperly.

CONSEQUENCE OF DEFECT:

The safety belts would not provide adequate protection to an occupant in a vehicle crash.

CORRECTIVE ACTION:

Owners should promptly check the condition and operation of both front safety belt buckles and carefully inspect the red release button for any breaks or cracks. They should ensure that both buckles are operating properly by inserting each latch plate into its buckle, tugging on the belt to make sure the latch is securely locked, and then pressing the release button. The latch plate should pop out of the buckle when the button is pressed. If either release button shows a sign of breaking or cracking or if either buckle fails to operate properly, owners should promptly contact their authorized dealer to schedule an appointment to have the buckle replaced or repaired, free of charge. The manufacturer is developing a remedy designed to prevent failure of the buttons that are not currently broken.

NOTE:

If your vehicle is presented to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and the remedy is not provided free of charge within a reasonable time, please contact Mitsubishi at 1-800-222-0037. Also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Auto Safety Hotline at 1-800-424-9393.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration operates Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Eastern Time. For more information call (800) 424-9393 or (202) 366-0123. For the hearing impaired, call (800) 424-9153.