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2006 Mitsubishi Galant at 135,000 mi

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MODEL / CHASSIS	ENGINE	MILEAGE	DRIVETRAIN
Galant · Galant ES 2.4 (2004–2012)	Mitsubishi timing-belt fours before the 4B1 (4G94 2.0L, 4G64 2.4L, 4G69 2.4L MIVEC)	135,000 mi	FWD
BUILD MONTH	**REPORT DATE**	**MODE**	**PREPARED FOR**
Not entered (door jamb)	October 28, 2026	Shop	Sample Owner

VIN check: check digit valid; model-year code '6' = 2006, matches the year entered. The VIN doesn't record the build month. Sample report: synthetic VIN.

1 · SUMMARY

What this car needs, in order

Each item compares this car's mileage with when owners and shops report the part failing. It is not an inspection: our technician decides what the car actually needs.

1 job recommended now

0 to plan in the next 30,000 miles

0 to watch or check at each service

Safety recalls NHTSA lists for this model year (1)

- **08V-454** · Fuel system, gasoline · storage · tank assembly: The bracket for a fuel tank strap can split and let the tank drop; leaking fuel near an ignition source could start a fire.

A model-year list, not a VIN check. Repairs are free at a Mitsubishi dealer if open. On a car over 15 years old, ask the dealer whether a newer recall is still repaired free. Check this VIN at nhtsa.gov/recalls.

Step 0 · Free: run the VIN at nhtsa.gov/recalls and ask a Mitsubishi dealer for a campaign printout, including 08V-454. Read the build month (MM/YY) on the driver's door-jamb label.

Recommended now at the next service — $1,450

Timing belt and balance-shaft belt (interference engine) — $1,450
Past the range (Every 60,000 miles per Mitsubishi's schedule as parts guides quote it)
our price EXAMPLE

Next 12 months up to about 147,000 mi

Nothing scheduled here.

Within the next 30,000 miles up to 165,000 mi

Nothing else enters its reported range in this window.

Watch inspect at each service, fix on condition, or optional

Nothing scheduled here.

Recommended now

$1,450

Springfield Auto Care prices (example)

Planned through 165,000 mi

$1,450

Nothing else on the list before 165,000 mi. Now + next 12 months + next 30,000 miles. Excludes “watch” and optional items.

Prices are Springfield Auto Care's estimates for typical parts and labor. They don't include tax, shop supplies or disposal fees, and may change after inspection or if part prices change. Not a written repair estimate: Springfield Auto Care confirms the price and gets your OK before any work.

Bundled jobs are priced together because the labor overlaps. Routine service (oil, brakes, tires) isn't included; factory fluid and spark plug intervals are listed below.

FACTORY MAINTENANCE

The maker's maintenance schedule isn't on this report

This report doesn't include the maker's scheduled maintenance for this car yet, so brake fluid, spark plugs, coolant and transmission fluid aren't listed even when they're due. Check the service records and the maker's schedule for this car.

WHERE 135K SITS FOR EACH WEAK POINT

#	WEAK POINT	REPORTED RANGE	THIS CAR
1	Timing belt and balance-shaft belt (interference engine)	Every 60,000 miles per Mitsubishi's schedule as parts guides quote it FORUM/BLOG	Past the range

Colors compare mileage with reported failures, not the car's condition. Red: past the range. Amber: inside or approaching. Green: below, or not listed for a recall.

2 · RECALLS AND BULLETINS

Recalls to check for this 2006 Mitsubishi Galant

Safety recall repairs are free at Mitsubishi dealers. On a car over 15 years old, ask the dealer whether a newer recall is still repaired free. Nothing here can tell whether a recall is open or already done on this VIN; only the official VIN lookup or a dealer can.

Official VIN check (2 minutes)

1. Go to nhtsa.gov/recalls and enter 4A3AB36F36E123456.
2. Note every recall shown as “Recall incomplete” and keep a screenshot.
3. Ask a Mitsubishi dealer for a campaign printout; it also lists completed campaigns.

2.0 / 2.4L 4G94 / 4G64 / 4G69 RECALLS WE TRACK

08V-454 · Fuel tank strap bracket may split (2005–2007 Galant, Eclipse)

NHTSA lists this model and year: check by VIN

The bracket for the left rear fuel tank strap may split, and the tank could drop. Free inspection and repair. OFFICIAL [7]

☐ VIN checked ☐ Open: booked with dealer ☐ Completed (printout kept)

Other 2.0 / 2.4L 4G94 / 4G64 / 4G69 recalls we track, not listed by NHTSA for this model and year: 00V-299 (crank sensor harness can short against a shield (2001 Galant / Eclipse)), 03V-442 (fuel return fitting may be restricted (2003 Galant / Eclipse, 2004 Eclipse)).

EVERY RECALL NHTSA LISTS FOR THE 2006 MITSUBISHI GALANT (1)

RECALL	COMPONENT	WHAT CAN HAPPEN (NHTSA, SHORTENED)
08V-454 2.0 / 2.4L 4G94 / 4G64 / 4G69 tracked	Fuel system, gasoline · storage · tank assembly	The bracket for a fuel tank strap can split and let the tank drop; leaking fuel near an ignition source could start a fire. Details

Source: NHTSA recalls API, fetched 2026-10-28 and combined across NHTSA model names: GALANT. Safety categories (air bags, fire, brakes, stalling, roll-away and loss of control) are listed first; listings whose NHTSA text names another engine, or an aftermarket part, go last. OFFICIAL

SERVICE ACTIONS, BULLETINS AND WARRANTY PROGRAMS

CAMPAIGN	WHAT IT SAYS	THIS CAR
Engine-computer updates for misfires (2000–2004)	Mitsubishi bulletins 02-13-015 (cold engine misfire, 2000–2002 Eclipse and Galant), 03-13-002 (hot-soak restart and rough idle, P0300–P0306), 03-13-004 / 04-13-003 (high-speed misfire) and a 2004 Lancer cold-misfire note reprogram the engine computer. OFFICIAL [4]	Dealer update
Low-speed pinging (2004 Galant)	Mitsubishi bulletin 04-13-010 (Oct 2004) reprograms the engine computer for pinging at low speeds on the 2004 Galant. OFFICIAL [5]	Dealer update

4 · THE 1 WEAK POINTS

Each weak point, one card each

Every figure carries its source. Retailer part numbers are shown only when the retailer lists them for this chassis (Galant). Left out because they apply to other models, years, engine sizes or body codes: Misfire and rough idle (engine-computer updates); Clutch (manual Lancer and Eclipse); Throttle icing (recall 03V-028).

1 Timing belt and balance-shaft belt (interference engine)

Past the range

Severity: Critical: rare, but can badly damage the engine · 12 mentions in counted NHTSA complaints COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA

At 135,000 mi this car is past the reported range (Every 60,000 miles per Mitsubishi's schedule as parts guides quote it). If the original parts are still fitted, have them checked and plan for them. Range: Every 60,000 miles per Mitsubishi's schedule as parts guides quote it FORUM/BLOG [2]



WHAT FAILS FORUM/BLOG [6][2]

These engines use a rubber timing belt with a hydraulic tensioner, and the 2.4L engines have a second, smaller belt for the balance shafts. The 2.4L engines are interference engines: if the timing belt breaks or jumps, the valves can hit the pistons. Treat the 2.0L Lancer engine the same way unless the shop confirms otherwise. A failed balance-shaft belt can get caught in the timing belt and break it, so both are replaced together, usually with the water pump.

SYMPTOMS

- No warning before it breaks
- Whine or rattle from the belt cover
- Engine stops and will not restart

IF IT'S LEFT TOO LONG

A broken belt bends valves and can damage pistons.

IS IT WORTH DOING EARLY? OUR ESTIMATE

Yes. Replace the timing belt, balance-shaft belt, tensioner and water pump together unless there is a receipt.

ESTIMATED REPAIR COST

Timing belt replacement, 2006 Galant 2.4L (YourMechanic estimate $1,377; shop/dealer $1,561–$2,096)	**Our price is in the plan above** ask us for a written quote
No published bill for valve damage	**No published price** reported range for the bill after a failure

PARTS FOR GALANT

- Ask your parts supplier for the OE part number for this VIN.

QUESTIONS TO ASK US

- When were the timing and balance-shaft belts last replaced (receipt)?
- Water pump done with them?

5 · ALSO REPORTED, NOT RANKED

Other themes in 2.0 / 2.4L 4G94 / 4G64 / 4G69 owner complaints

Every NHTSA complaint theme with 10 or more counted reports is either a weak point above or explained here.

THEME	COMPLAINTS	WHY IT ISN'T A WEAK POINT
Brakes	537	Brake complaints (warped rotors, worn pads) on these cars; not an engine fault.
Air bags	356	Air bag warning lights and inflator recalls; not an engine fault.
Steering / suspension	318	Steering and suspension complaints, including corrosion on older cars; not an engine fault.
Automatic transmission	164	Counts every automatic transmission and shifter complaint; not an engine fault.
Stalling	110	Mixed causes in the complaint text; recalls covered a crank-sensor harness that could short (00V-299, 2001 Galant / Eclipse) and fuel-return fittings that could leak (03V-442, 04V-312).
Fire	83	Mixed causes (electrical, fuel leaks, crashes); fuel-leak recalls are listed by model year.
Overheating / coolant	50	Mixed causes; Mitsubishi bulletin 02-14-001 covers air trapped by a misrouted coolant reservoir hose on 2000–2002 cars. The water pump is usually replaced with the timing belt.
Catalytic converter	26	Mostly 2002–2004 Lancer owners reporting converter replacements at high mileage; no bulletin or recall covers these engines.

How this report is built

Inputs. VIN, model year, model, mileage and build month (if entered). Model and engine are checked with NHTSA's vPIC decoder.

Mileage positions. Below: more than 10,000 miles before the reported range. Approaching: within 10,000. Inside: in the range, or past the start of an open-ended range. Past: beyond the top of the range. These bands are our rules, not an industry standard.

The plan. Critical items inside or past their range go first; high-severity items follow, and jobs that share labor are bundled. At most three jobs land in “Recommended now”. Leaks that are cheap to watch are fixed on condition; inspections are asked for at each service.

Costs. Published independent-shop ranges from shop quotes, retailer prices and owner reports. Shop prices come from the issuing shop. The worst-case cost of every item failing is not shown: it isn't an expected cost.

Labels. `OFFICIAL` NHTSA/Mitsubishi documents · `SHOP/RETAILER` parts prices and shop articles · `FORUM/BLOG` owner forums and blogs · `COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA` our analysis of NHTSA data · `OUR ESTIMATE` ours.

NHTSA complaint data. Pulled Oct 28, 2026 from NHTSA's complaints API for Galant 2000–2009 and Eclipse / Eclipse Spyder complaints that do not name the V6, 3.0, 3.8, GT or GTS; all 2010–2012 Galant, 2003–2006 Outlander and 2002–2007 Lancer complaints (Lancer Evolution complaints are left out); 2001–2005 Sebring and Stratus complaints filed as or describing a coupe (hand-checked), minus those that name the V6, 3.0, R/T or LXi. Some complaints that name no engine come from V6 cars, so those counts are approximate: 2,669 complaints. Some of these nameplates were sold with other engines too; for those we left out complaints whose text names another engine or a hybrid, so a few complaints about other engines can remain. Themes are keyword matches on the complaint text. `COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA`

THEME	COMPLAINTS	IN THIS REPORT
Brakes	537	Also reported
Air bags	356	Also reported
Steering / suspension	318	Also reported
Automatic transmission	164	Also reported
Stalling	110	Also reported
Fire	83	Also reported
Clutch (manual gearbox)	68	Other years or engine sizes
Overheating / coolant	50	Also reported
Catalytic converter	26	Also reported
Timing / balance-shaft belt	12	Item 1
Misfire / rough idle	10	Other years or engine sizes

Limits: complaints are self-reported and not adjusted for cars sold; keyword matching over- and under-counts; owners rarely file safety complaints about oil seeps, so leaks look rarer than they are.

1. NHTSA owner complaints for 2000–2012 Galant and Eclipse 2.4, 2003–2006 Outlander 2002–2007 Lancer and 2001–2005 Sebring / Stratus coupes (2.4), pulled Oct 28, 2026 (ODI numbers in the cost notes) OFFICIAL
https://www.nhtsa.gov/report-a-safety-problem#complaints

2. Go-Parts: 2005–2012 Mitsubishi Galant engine timing belt (manufacturer interval every 60,000 miles; replace the kit with the water pump), via search extract Oct 28, 2026 FORUM/BLOG
https://www.go-parts.com/garage/ps-2005-2012-mitsubishi-galant-engine-timing-belt

3. YourMechanic: Mitsubishi Galant timing belt replacement estimates, page checked Oct 28, 2026 SHOP/RETAILER
https://www.yourmechanic.com/estimates/mitsubishi/galant/timing-belt-replacement

4. Mitsubishi TSBs 02-13-015 (cold engine misfire), 03-13-002 (hot-soak restart and rough idle), 03-13-004 / 04-13-003 (high-speed misfire), filed with NHTSA OFFICIAL
https://www.nhtsa.gov/?nhtsaId=10001034

5. Mitsubishi TSB 04-13-010: PCM reprogramming for engine pinging at low speeds, 2004 Galant (2004-10-01), filed with NHTSA OFFICIAL
https://www.nhtsa.gov/?nhtsaId=10010659

6. Denlor's Tools blog: Timing belt replacement on the Mitsubishi 2.4 (interference engine; replace the balance-shaft belt with the timing belt), via search extract Oct 28, 2026 FORUM/BLOG
https://blog.denlorstools.com/?p=278

7. NHTSA recall records: 00V-299 (crank sensor harness), 03V-442 / 04V-312 (fuel return fitting), 03V-028 (2003 Outlander throttle icing), 08V-454 (fuel tank strap bracket), checked Oct 28, 2026 OFFICIAL
https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls?nhtsaId=03V028000

8. fueleconomy.gov: 2001–2005 Chrysler Sebring and Dodge Stratus coupes (2.4L four and 3.0L V6; the sedans and convertibles list the 2.4L and 2.7L instead), checked Oct 28, 2026 OFFICIAL
https://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/bymodel/2003_Dodge_Stratus.shtml

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Important

Based on public records and published repair costs. Not a diagnosis or a guarantee. Your technician's inspection decides what your car needs. Confirm recalls with a dealer using your VIN.

Informational only. This report is not a mechanical inspection, a diagnosis, or professional, legal or financial advice. It was issued by Springfield Auto Care using RepairAhead data; the inspection findings and prices are the shop's.

Reported ranges and estimates, not predictions

Failure mileages are reported ranges compiled from public owner complaints, manufacturer bulletins, recalls and repair-shop reports. Costs are estimates. Parts can fail earlier, later or not at all, and other problems can occur. Statistics from owner complaints describe past reports to NHTSA; NHTSA has not reviewed or endorsed this analysis.

Safety issues go to a dealer

If you notice overheating, a burning or fuel smell, smoke, a brake-assist problem, stalling or loss of power, pull over when it's safe and contact a Mitsubishi dealer or qualified shop. Safety recall repairs are free at Mitsubishi dealers. Confirm recalls for this VIN at nhtsa.gov/recalls.

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