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Safety Administration
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400 7th Street S. W.
Washington, D. C. 20590

Attn: Administrator

Re: 2004 '2 Door' Chevrolet Blazer
Design Flaw
Serial # - 1GNCT18X04K
Model - CT10516

Gentlemen:

I recently bought a new vehicle in December which contains a serious and dangerous design flaw.

The spare tire is exterior mounted at the rear of the vehicle in such a position that rear vision is obstructed by about 75%. If the rear seat head rests are up, there's almost a 100% vision loss.

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I have been safely driving cars for over 50 years and never had a concern to safely drive a car with an exterior mounted tire. However this particular vehicle is dangerous because of the improper position of the wheel which creates the following problems;

- 1 – Unable to adequately see a following vehicle thereby creating a possible accident scenario if it is necessary to make an emergency move – i. e. sudden stop, etc.

- 2 – If parked and backing, unable to see if there are other vehicles, or pedestrians behind the vehicle. Total blind spots exist.

There are rear wheel installations on other vehicles such as Hondas, Kias, and many more which are positioned in a substantially lower position than the Blazer that do not obstruct driver vision. Pictures are enclosed which clearly show the difference.

The dealer attitude is if there is dissatisfaction put the wheel in the car. This is not the answer to the safety problem as the wheel belongs outside. I feel General Motors has the obligation to sell a safe vehicle which this is not.

How can I protect myself and others having this dangerous condition?

Sincerely yours,

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