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Re: Spontaneous Electrical fire in Chevrolet Security Lock on Ignition

Today I had an abrupt and upsetting experience with my 2002 Chevrolet Trailblazer. On a 10-minute drive from my office to a client's office, this Spontaneous electrical fire started on the lower dash by my right knee.

There was an electrical short circuit and 2" flames for amount a minute, then excessive smoke and an acrid smell filled the interior. I had to pull off the street and stop driving.

That security lock feature was something I did not use. The GM Serviceman told me that Chevrolet puts those security lock on vehicles so that the salesman can just use the Lock Insert and start any vehicle without having to locate the specific key for that vehicle.

Concern for safety motivated me to write you. The Security Lock just spontaneously started flaming and now that wiring is destroyed.

Please write us and let us know how we can proceed.
Thank you for your help!

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