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NHTSA,

I am writing to you to report an unsafe condition with the GM Buick Rims on my 2003 Buick Regal GS.

The rims are only four years old and were deemed unsafe for use by a certified Tire Dealer (Goodyear) and service mechanic.

The inner side of the rims, the **plating is peeling back**, allowing for moisture to get in to corrode the metal inner bead. -Causing tire pressure loss and flat tires.

Also the plating is peeled back so far **hitting the brake drums and calipers creating a dangerous situation of the possibility of brake lines to be cut by the plating tin.**

Causing a possible motor vehicle crash.

I have contacted the Buick dealership along with GM with my concern in regards for replacement for the unsafe tire rims, GM case _____

They would only pay for 50% of the repair. Which I was left with a very substantial repair bill. I should not be fiscally responsible for this type of manufacturing problem.

I believe this is a manufacturing problem, tire rims should not go bad after 4 years. I have owned GM vehicles for over 30 years and never have encountered this type of hazard.

Enclosed are:

- Several pictures of the unsafe rims
- The invoice Goodyear deeming rims are unsafe
- Unjust repair bill from the Buick dealership.

Feel free to contact me if you have any further questions and follow up.

 Rochester NY

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