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U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE.
Washington, DC 20590

April 14, 2010



NVS-216 et
Ref. No. 10317552

Dear 

Thank you for your correspondence dated February 27, 2010, concerning your model year (MY) 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer vehicle. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation received your correspondence on March 4, 2010.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, we look carefully at the body of consumer complaints and other available data to determine whether a defect may exist. We cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. In your letter, you indicated that you encountered unintended acceleration and fuel gauge problems in your MY 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer vehicle.

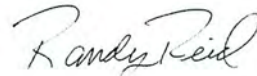
We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with regard to unintended acceleration problems in MY 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer vehicles. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation. The information you provided has been entered into our database. It will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

With regard to fuel gauge problem you reported, on January 7, 2010, NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation received a defect petition (DP10-001) requesting an investigation into the performance/reliability of the fuel tank level sensor installed in MY 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer vehicles. ODI is evaluating the petition and all other available information; however, no determinations to grant this petition have been reached at this time. For your information, we have enclosed a copy of the opening resume for DP10-001.



Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment in the future, we would appreciate it if you would complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq> or call the Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Reid".

Randy Reid, Chief
Correspondence Research Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement

Enclosure



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ODI RESUME

Investigation: DP 10-001
 Prompted By: Petition Letter
 Date Opened: 01/07/2010
 Principal Investigator: Steve Chan
 Subject: Alleged Fuel Tank Level Sensor Failure

Manufacturer: General Motors Corp.
 Products: 2005-2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer and GMC Envoy
 Population: 639,649 (estimated)

Problem Description: Incorrect fuel level reading may result in the vehicle running out of fuel without warning to the driver.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	257	0	0
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description of Other:

Action: The petition will be evaluated for a grant or deny decision.

Engineer: Steve Chan *SC*

Date: 01/07/2010

Div. Chief: Gregory E. Magno

Date: 01/07/2010

Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

Date: 01/07/2010

Summary Mr. Billy Hayes of Old Hickory, TN, petitioned the agency in a letter dated November 27, 2009. The petitioner requests that NHTSA open an investigation into the performance/reliability of the fuel tank level sensor installed in model year 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer vehicles. The petitioner alleges that the fuel tank level sensor is defective and could result in a subject vehicle running out of fuel, stall, and being rear ended by another vehicle.

ODI will evaluate the petition for a grant or deny decision.