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**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration**



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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the letter about your model year (MY) 2009 Chevrolet Avalanche vehicle. Your letter was forwarded to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation. I am pleased to respond.

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 motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. Among other activities, we also monitor the completion rate and adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns.

We are aware of the delay for NHTSA Safety Recall Campaign No. 21V-050. The recall addresses a problem with Takata front passenger-side air bag inflators in certain MY 2007 through MY 2011 Chevrolet Avalanche vehicles. In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the front air bags, these inflators may rupture due to propellant degradation occurring after long-term exposure to high absolute humidity and temperature cycling.

The recall of defective Takata inflators has grown over the past few years to include 19 separate vehicle manufacturers and currently includes approximately 41.6 million vehicles in the United States, making it the largest, most complex recall in NHTSA's history. We understand your concerns with the delay of NHTSA Safety Recall Campaign No. 21V-050. Please note that it is not unusual for manufacturers to have an inadequate inventory of recall parts shortly after a recall is announced. Recall parts availability can be affected by numerous factors including, but not limited to, redesign, testing, manufacturing, and logistics.

We encourage you to contact General Motors and to continue to follow up with your dealer on the parts availability for Recall 21V-050. We entered your information into NHTSA's database, where it will be used with other reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

If you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment in the future, please complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov) or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236. Also, you may review owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc., on our website.

Sincerely,

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

Randy Reid, Chief  
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