



GENERAL MOTORS LLC  
Global Interior and Safety Center

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Mr. Claude Harris  
Acting Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE – Room W45-306  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Harris:

The following information is submitted regarding a foreign field action that may be an "other safety campaign" within the meaning of 49 CFR Part 579.11. General Motors has decided to issue a Notice of Defect and conduct a Special Coverage Program involving certain 2003-2007 model year Saturn ION and 2006-2010 Chevrolet HHR model vehicles.

This Special Coverage Program involves vehicles that were manufactured in the United States and sold outside of the United States. General Motors sold substantially similar vehicles in the United States. Please contact me if you have any further questions concerning this report.

Vehicles identified in this letter as "substantially similar" under the broad definition specified in 49 CFR Part 579, can have significant differences in design, performance, durability, etc. These vehicles may not be "substantially similar" except for purposes of reporting under 49 CFR Part 579.

Sincerely,

M. Carmen Benavides  
Director, Product Investigations  
and Safety Regulations

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Attachment



**GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION**

**579.11 REPORT**

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| MANUFACTURER:                       | General Motors LLC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| MAKE:                               | Saturn & Chevrolet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| MODEL & YEAR:                       | Certain 2003-2007 Saturn ION and 2006-2010 Chevrolet HHR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| NUMBER OF VEHICLES:                 | 86,376 Vehicles (Produced on June 25, 2002 through February 25, 2010)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| ACTION TYPE DETERMINATION:          | Notice of Defect, with Special Coverage (10 years/150,000 miles)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| CONDITION:                          | The subject vehicles equipped with electric power steering may experience a sudden loss of power steering assist that could occur at any time while driving. If the power steering assist is lost, a message is displayed on the Driver Information Center and a chime sounds to inform the driver. Typically, at the next ignition cycle, power assist is regained and the Driver Information Center message will be off. Steering control can be maintained, as the vehicle will revert to a manual steering mode, but would require greater driver effort at low vehicle speeds. |
| CORRECTION:                         | The affected vehicles will receive special extended warranty coverage of 10 years/150,000 miles from first registration. Under this special coverage program, any vehicle that experiences this condition will have the electric power steering motor replaced at no charge to the customer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| DATE OF DETERMINATION:              | December 16, 2010                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| ACTION COMMENCED:                   | Scheduled for January 2011                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| COUNTRIES INVOLVED:                 | Canada                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR U.S. VEHICLE: | Saturn ION and Chevrolet HHR, Chevrolet Cobalt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| COMMENT:                            | General Motors announced a Special Coverage in July 2010 which involved 2004-2007 Saturn ION models in the United States. General Motors continues to monitor and investigate field data related to electric power steering and power assist.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |