



GENERAL MOTORS LLC  
Global Interior and Safety Center

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Ms. Nancy Lewis  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE – Room W45-306  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. Lewis:

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 certain 2005-06 and 2008 model year Chevrolet Malibu and Malibu Maxx; 2005-06 and 2008 Pontiac G6 and 2008 Saturn Aura 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.

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. Please contact me if you have any further questions concerning this report.

Sincerely,

M. Carmen Benavides, Director  
Product Investigations and Safety Regulations

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Attachments



**GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION**

**579.11 REPORT**

MANUFACTURER:	General Motors
MAKE:	Chevrolet, Pontiac and Saturn
MODEL & YEAR:	Certain 2005-06 and 2008 model year Chevrolet Malibu and Malibu Maxx; 2005-06 and 2008 Pontiac G6 and 2008 Saturn Aura vehicles
NUMBER OF VEHICLES:	67,414 (Produced from June 2, 2004 through March 28, 2008)
ACTION TYPE DETERMINATION:	Special Coverage (Notice of Defect to Transport Canada)
CONDITION:	The subject vehicles equipped with electric power steering may experience a loss of power steering assist caused by electrical input signals within the steering column assembly. If the power steering assist is lost, a chime will be heard and the Driver Information Centre will display a "Power Steering" warning message. On some vehicles, the Service Vehicle Soon light will also illuminate. The vehicle can still be steered in a safe manner but will require greater driver effort at low vehicle speeds or when stopped.
CORRECTION:	The affected vehicles are covered by a special extended warranty coverage for a period of 10 years/240,000 km, whichever occurs first, from the date the vehicle was originally placed in service, regardless of ownership. Under this special coverage program, for 2005 & 2006 model year vehicles, dealers are to replace the steering column. For 2008 model year vehicles, dealers are to replace the power steering motor control module. The repairs will be made at no charge to the customer.
DATE OF DETERMINATION:	September 27, 2012
ACTION COMMENCED:	Scheduled for October 2012
COUNTRIES INVOLVED:	Canada
SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR U.S. VEHICLE:	2005-06 and 2008 model year Chevrolet Malibu and Malibu Maxx; 2005-06 and 2008 Pontiac G6 and 2008 Saturn Aura vehicles
COMMENT:	The Substantially Similar 2005-06 and 2008 model year Chevrolet Malibu and Malibu Maxx; 2005-06 and 2008 Pontiac G6 and 2008 Saturn Aura vehicles are currently included in a 10 year 150,000 mile Special Coverage (N10183) announced on July 21, 2010, in the United States.