



GENERAL MOTORS LLC
Global Vehicle Safety

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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:

General Motors (“GM”) has decided to conduct a safety recall involving certain 2011-2015 model year Chevrolet Malibu/Alpheon model vehicles that were manufactured outside of the United States and sold outside of the United States. GM sold “substantially similar” vehicles in the United States, as that term is used in 49 C.F.R. § 579.11.

Vehicles identified in this letter as “substantially similar” under the broad definition specified in 49 C.F.R. part 579 can be different in design, performance, durability, and other characteristics. Accordingly, these vehicles may not be “substantially similar” except for purposes of reporting under 49 C.F.R. part 579.

The comment section in the attached section 579.11 report explains why this foreign recall is not applicable to the similar vehicles sold in the United States.

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

Sincerely,

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Safety and Field Investigations

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579.11 REPORT

MANUFACTURER:	General Motors LLC
MAKE:	Chevrolet
MODEL & YEAR:	Certain 2011 – 2015 Chevrolet Malibu / Alpheon vehicles
NUMBER OF VEHICLES:	126,893 Units (Produced October 18, 2011 through November 13, 2014)
ACTION TYPE DETERMINATION:	Safety Recall
CONDITION:	General Motors has determined that certain 2011 – 2015 model year Chevrolet Malibu / Alpheon vehicles were assembled with rear-center and rear-left seat belt buckles with hinge pins that incorrectly bypassed the riveting process at the supplier (Takata Korea). The affected rear-center and rear-left seat belt buckles may disengage from the anchor plate and not properly secure second-row passengers in a vehicle crash.
CORRECTION:	GM dealers will check all suspect vehicles to assure the twin buckle has the correct rivet installed. If the rivet is not present, dealers will replace the twin-buckle assembly rear seatbelt and retainer.
DATE OF DETERMINATION:	February 4, 2015
ACTION COMMENCED:	Scheduled for the first quarter 2015
COUNTRIES INVOLVED:	Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Chile, Fuji, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Iraq, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Malaysia, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden Switzerland, Netherlands, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Yemen.
SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR U.S. VEHICLE:	2011-2014 Buick LaCrosse and 2013-2014 Chevrolet Malibu.
COMMENT:	The vehicles subject to this recall were assembled at Bupyeong Assembly in South Korea. Bupyeong Assembly had received rear-center and rear-left seat belt buckles with hinge pins that incorrectly bypassed the riveting

process at the local supplier (Takata Korea). The substantially similar U.S. Chevrolet Malibu and Buick LaCrosse are manufactured at GM's Detroit Hamtramck Assembly (USA) and Fairfax Assembly (USA) facilities. Takata Korea does not supply the involved components to the U.S. Assembly plants. Therefore, the involved defect is not present in U.S.-manufactured vehicles that are sold in the USA.

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