



GENERAL MOTORS LLC
Global Vehicle Safety

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Mr. Stephen Ridella
Acting Director for Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
West Building W45-302
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Ridella:

On June 6, 2016, Adam Opel AG decided to conduct a safety recall of 2,787 vehicles that were manufactured outside of the United States and sold outside of the United States. The vehicle models involved in this recall are 2016 Opel Insignia and the 2016 Opel Zafira.

GM sold "substantially similar" vehicles in the United States, as that term is used in 49 C.F.R. § 579.11. As more fully explained in the attached section 579.11 report, this foreign recall is not applicable to the similar vehicles sold in the U.S.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Brian Latouf, Executive Director
Global Safety and Field Investigations,
Regulation/Certification

Enclosure: General Motors LLC's Section 579.11 Report



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579.11 REPORT

MANUFACTURER:	Adam Opel AG
MAKE:	Opel /Vauxhall
MODEL & YEAR:	2016 Opel Insignia and 2016 Opel Zafira
NUMBER OF VEHICLES:	2,787 Units (Produced April 7, 2016 and April 20, 2016)
ACTION TYPE DETERMINATION:	Safety Recall
CONDITION:	The subject vehicles were produced with outer ball joints that were not manufactured to specification by the supplier (Robert Bosch GmbH). The connection of the outer ball joint to the steering knuckle may loosen resulting in front end noise. Over time, a vehicle with this condition could experience a steering-knuckle fracture resulting in a loss of steering control.
CORRECTION:	Retailers will inspect the outer ball joints on all involved vehicles and replace the outer ball joints that are out of specification. The steering knuckles will also be inspected for damage and replaced as necessary.
DATE OF DETERMINATION:	June 6, 2016.
ACTION COMMENCED:	Scheduled June 2016
COUNTRIES INVOLVED:	Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Chile, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia-Montenegro, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom,
SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR U.S. VEHICLE:	2016 Buick Regal, Buick LaCrosse, and Chevrolet Malibu.
COMMENT:	Traceability records by the supplier (Robert Bosch GmbH) confirmed that no outer ball joints containing the defect that necessitated the recall were shipped to General Motors Assembly plants that manufacture vehicles for the United States market. Therefore, there are no involved vehicles in the United States.