



GENERAL MOTORS LLC
Global Vehicle Safety

September 28, 2016

Mr. Michael Brown
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. Brown:

On September 21, 2016, Adam Opel AG decided to conduct a Safety Recall of 16 vehicles that were manufactured and sold outside of the United States. The vehicle models being recalled are the 2017 Opel Insignia and Zafira models.

GM sold "substantially similar" vehicles in the United States, as that term is used in 49 C.F.R. § 579.11. However, as explained in more detail in the attached 579 report, this foreign recall is not applicable to the similar vehicles sold in the U.S. because the issue was isolated to an assembly line problem at one assembly plant in Russelsheim, Germany that did not produce any U.S. vehicles.

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:	2017 Opel Insignia and Zafira
NUMBER OF VEHICLES:	16 Units (Produced September 9, 2016 through September 12, 2016)
ACTION TYPE DETERMINATION:	Safety Recall
CONDITION:	The front-suspension strut fasteners in the subject vehicles may not have been torqued to specification during assembly at Opel's Russelsheim Germany assembly plant. If the front-suspension strut fasteners are not torqued to specification, they may detach from the steering knuckle, which could result in a loss of steering control.
CORRECTION:	All of the sixteen suspect involved vehicles will be inspected and corrected. Three of the sixteen vehicles have been delivered to customers.
DATE OF DETERMINATION:	September 21, 2016.
ACTION COMMENCED:	Scheduled September 2016
COUNTRIES INVOLVED:	Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, United Kingdom,
SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR U.S. VEHICLE:	2017 Chevrolet Impala, Chevrolet Malibu, Buick LaCrosse, Buick Regal.
COMMENT:	The only vehicles affected by this assembly-plant specific issue are the Opel Insignia and Zafira models that were manufactured at Opel's Russelsheim assembly plant in Germany. None of these affected vehicles are sold in the United States, and the substantially similar U.S. models identified above are not affected because they were not assembled at the Russelsheim plant. The loose strut fasteners were detected on one vehicle during an underbody check at the Russelsheim assembly plant check area. The assembly plant held their shipping yard and inspected approximately 1,000 vehicles and found no other front suspension strut fasteners that were not torqued to specification. However, sixteen vehicles potentially affected were not held at the plant and shipped to retailers. GM has decided to recall these sixteen vehicles to make sure the front-suspension strut fasteners are torqued to specification. GM North America has no reports of loose or detached front-suspension strut fasteners for the substantially similar model year 2017 Chevrolet Impala, Chevrolet Malibu, Buick LaCrosse, and Buick Regal manufactured and sold in the United States.