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# Memorandum

Subject: PE04-052 Saturn Vue Investigation

Date: August 27, 2004

From: Kyle Bowker  
Office of Defects Investigation

To: PE04-052 File

Please scan the attached document into the electronic file repository for the subject investigation. The attached document is a memo detailing a meeting held on August 5, 2004 at the Transportation Research Center, Inc. between NHTSA and General Motors Corporation personnel.



GENERAL MOTORS NORTH AMERICA  
Structure & Safety Integration

August 11, 2004

Mr. Kyle M. Bowker  
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Dear Mr. Bowker:

On Thursday, August 5, 2004, General Motors met with you and Jeff Quandt from NHTSA-ODI at the Transportation Research Center Inc. (TRC) in East Liberty, Ohio.

The meeting was arranged to inspect three Saturn Vue vehicles. The inspection included a 2004 Saturn Vue-2WD (NHTSA test vehicle), a 2004 Saturn Vue-AWD (NHTSA Test vehicle), and a 2003 Saturn Vue-AWD (NHTSA vehicle, VIN# 5GZCZ43DX3G805889).

The meeting also included the observation of NCAP Fleibhook tests performed with an additional 2004 Saturn Vue-2WD and a 2004 Saturn Vue-4WD that were equipped with 2004 Chevrolet Equinox rear suspension components.

The following individuals attended the meeting:

Jeff Quandt - Division Chief, NHTSA-ODI  
Kyle Bowker - Safety Defects Engineer, NHTSA-ODI  
Pat Boyd - NHTSA  
Jason Church - Project Engineer, Transportation Research Center  
Dennis Valled - FPA Engineer, General Motors  
Aaron Sullivan - Performance Engineer, General Motors  
Jon Carriere - Technical Fellow, General Motors  
Damien Crochet - Performance Engineer, General Motors  
Steve Gehring - General Motors  
Gary Dowd - Field Performance Engineer - Product Investigations, General Motors

Sincerely,

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