



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 05-010

Date Opened: 02/15/2005

Date Closed: 06/03/2005

Principal Investigator: Cynthia Glass

Subject: Inoperative Tail Lamps

Manufacturer: General Motors Corporation

Products: MY 2000-2002 Saturn L-Series

Population: 282,179

Problem Description: Complainants allege that the tail lamps go out completely while operating the vehicle.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	59	1,455	1,514
Crashes/Fires:	0	4	4
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description of Other: 4 crashes total, 3 crashes were on one vehicle

Action: This investigation is closed. General Motors is conducting a safety recall (NHTSA recall #05V-245)

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Summary: General Motors has decided that a safety related defect exists on certain model Saturn sedans and wagons. The plastic housing in the rear tail lamp assembly can become distorted if the brake lamps remain on for an extended time. This can cause (1) an intermittently inoperative brake/tail lamp bulb, or (2) a short circuit that opens a fuse causing inoperative brake or tail lamps (including the center high-mounted stop lamp). GM will conduct a safety recall on an expanded scope of Saturn vehicles to install a reinforcing socket adapter (and corresponding new socket) to the back of the existing lamp assembly.

General Motors will recall 291,652 MY 2000-2002 Saturn LS sedans and MY 2000-2004 Saturn LW wagons. The recall is identified by NHTSA number 05V-245.

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