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EXPANSION OF RECALL 07V519000 TO INCLUDE ALL 2000 THROUGH 2003 SATURN L-SERIES
VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH A 2.2L ENGINE AND THE ORIGINAL DESIGN TIMING CHAIN**

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Petition to Expand Recall 07V519000

Dear sir or madam

On behalf of the members of the North Carolina Consumers Council, I am writing to request a follow up defect investigation and subsequent recall expansion of recall 07V519000 to include all 2000 through 2003 Saturn L-Series vehicles equipped with a 2.2L engine and the original design timing chain.

Recall 07V519000 includes vehicles from the population built from 11/2000 through 2/2001. However, our organization continues to receive complaints monthly from owners of Saturn L-Series vehicles across the country experiencing timing chain failures that are not limited to the recalled build dates. In fact, numerous complainants identify their build dates by the sticker inside the driver's door as being in 1999, 2000, 2001 and even 2002. It also appears that the number of complaints across those model years is increasing on your website for those vehicles with the original design timing chain. There do not appear to be any complaints for vehicles with the modified design.

The complaints are all similar to those that were the basis of the recall. Many consumers report that their vehicles begin making strange ticking sounds that come and go randomly. They state that technicians cannot identify the source of the noise as it disappears before they get to the dealerships. They then cite that the timing chains break suddenly and without warning, causing engine damage and complete loss of power, sometimes in heavy traffic.

General Motors notified NHTSA on November 7, 2007, that it believed the timing chain in the 11/2000 through 2/2001 build date vehicles was defective. As such, it decided a recall was appropriate. The vehicles mentioned in this letter that fall outside this build date range appear to contain the same part and are experiencing the same failures. As such, we respectfully request that you expand the scope of this recall to include all afflicted vehicles that contain the original design part.

Regards,



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