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USDOT Mail - FW: 2020 Chevy Malibu rupture



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1 message

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Tue, Jun 20,

To: Don Sztaba <Don.Sztaba@joysonsafety.com>

Cc: "Bonilla, Pedro (NHTSA)" <pedro.bonilla@dot.gov>

Hi Don,

I wanted to make you aware of a rupture that might have involved an ADID inflator.

According to the complaint, the vehicle had been in a prior crash at which time the airbag deployed. We are not sure of the replacement airbag history. We are starting to collect information. assist, that would be great.

Thank You,

Bruce York

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From: Yukevich, Sharon (NHTSA) <sharon.yukevich@dot.gov>**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2023 8:17 AM**To:** York, Bruce (NHTSA) <Bruce.York@dot.gov>**Cc:** Bonilla, Pedro (NHTSA) <pedro.bonilla@dot.gov>**Subject:** RE: 2020 Chevy Malibu rupture

Morning Bruce

Per our discussion, attached is the information that GM sent on this incident. They have not been contacted about it yet. I, also, attached the VOQ for your reference.

Let me know if you need anything else from me.

Regards

Sharon L. Yukevich

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From: York, Bruce (NHTSA) <Bruce.York@dot.gov>**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2023 12:53 PM**To:** Yukevich, Sharon (NHTSA) <sharon.yukevich@dot.gov>**Subject:** RE: 2020 Chevy Malibu rupture

Ya. He is one of the reputable ones. Scott gave me the thumbs up on him before I started working with him.

Thank You,

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Subject: RE: 2020 Chevy Malibu rupture

I will find out. I have met [REDACTED] He invited [REDACTED] – WSJ reporter – to the vehicle inspection of the 2017 Traverse we had in Michigan in April. He is a plaintiff's attorney

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Hi Sharon,

[REDACTED] is an attorney who is very active in the inflator rupture world (who you might already know) has reached out concerning a potential rupture in a 2020 Malibu. I was wondering if you out to GM and figure out what inflator is in this vehicle. If it is an ARC, I suppose it would go in your direction. If it is a Takata, maybe mine. If something else? This is a fatality.

Thank You,

Bruce York

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From: [REDACTED]
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Per our discussion

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2020 Chevrolet Malibu E2



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VIN:

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What if my car isn't recalled now? Could it be recalled later?

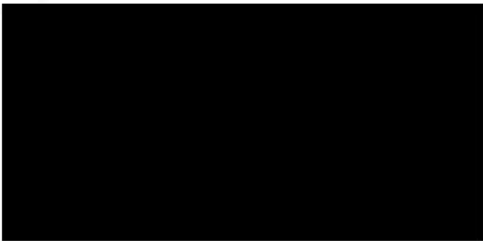
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