

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION**  
**REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 00V-143 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

**MAY 22 2000**

Part 573 Report Date: **May 12, 2000**

**MANUFACTURER: General Motors Corporation (GM)**

**MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Mr. Frank C. Sonye, Jr.**  
**Director, Product Investigations**

**FAX: (810) 947-2318**

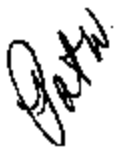
**SUBJECT: 18,754 GM 2000 Buick Century/Regal model vehicles equipped with rear drum brakes manufactured from November 1999 through January 2000, and Chevrolet Lumina model vehicles equipped with rear drum brakes manufactured from November 1999 through February 2000. The bolt head(s) on the rear spindle rod can separate. The rear wheel can shift, causing rear steering of the vehicle. GM Recall No. 00047.**

This is an **initial** acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during July 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by October 30, 2000.

If you have any questions, please call:



Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst on (202) 366-5232  
or Jonathan White, Chief on (202) 366-5226  
or by FAX (202) 366-7882  
Recall Analysis Division

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**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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Dear Mr. Sonye:

We have reviewed General Motors Corporation's (GM) Defect Information Report dated May 17, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 18,754 GM 2000 Buick Century/Regal model vehicles equipped with rear drum brakes manufactured from November 1999 through January 2000, and Chevrolet Lumina model vehicles equipped with rear drum brakes manufactured from November 1999 through February 2000. The bolt head(s) on the rear spindle rod can separate. The rear wheel can shift, causing rear steering of the vehicle. The assigned recall identification number for this recall is 00V-143 (GM Safety Recall No. 00047).

**GM is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.**

**Additional Information Required**

In order for us to complete our file on this matter, please provide the following additional information:

1. Identify the supplier of the recalled component by corporate name and address. Identify by name and title the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier.
2. Provide a copy of GM's FPE/SMC report regarding the nature of the defect, the remedy, the basis for the population determination, and the total number of reports, crashes, and injuries to date.

Please provide this information, referencing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's identification codes on page 1 of this letter, to this office by **August 21, 2000**.

**Quarterly Status Reports**

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If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

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Jonathan D. White, Chief  
Recall Analysis Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Safety Assurance