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GENERAL MOTORS ANNOUNCES TWO RECALLS OF CARS AND TRUCKS

DETROIT August 19 -- General Motors today announced two separate recalls of cars and trucks that total nearly 720,000 vehicles.

The first is a recall of approximately 570,000 model year 2000 Chevrolet *Silverado* pickups and *Tahoe/Suburban* sports utility vehicles and GMC *Sierra* pickups and *Yukon/Yukon XL* sports utility vehicles. These vehicles may have a condition in the air bag sensing and diagnostic modules that could interfere with the timing and sequence of air bag deployment signals. This could result in the non-deployment of driver and passenger side air bags during certain frontal collisions.

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Only full-size pickups and SUVs built between February 1999 and February 2000 are affected by this condition. During testing, GM discovered that some of the sensing and diagnostic modules in these vehicles might have a combination of sensing components and software calibrations that could interfere with the sequence of air bag deployment signals.

GM will ask owners of these vehicles to bring them in to their Chevrolet and GMC dealers. The sensing and diagnostic modules of the vehicles will be recalibrated. These repairs will be performed at no cost to the customers.

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The second recall involves approximately 150,000 model years 2002 and 2003 Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, GMC, Oldsmobile, and Pontiac cars and trucks built between May and July 2002. These vehicles may have driver's side air bag inflator modules that could fracture at a weld during deployment. Approximately 8,000 of these vehicles have inflator modules that will be replaced. There are no reports of crashes, injuries, or fatalities related to this condition.

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The vehicles involved are a varying number of 2002-03 Buick *LeSabre*, Cadillac *DeVille*, Chevrolet *Impala* and *Monte Carlo*, Oldsmobile *Aurora*, and Pontiac *Bonneville* passenger cars; Chevrolet *Venture*, Pontiac *Montana*, and Oldsmobile *Silhouette* minivans; Buick *Rendezvous*, Chevrolet *TrailBlazer*, GMC *Envoy*, and Oldsmobile *Bravada* sports utility vehicles. Only vehicles built between May and July 2002 have the inflator modules that will be inspected and replaced if necessary.

GM's suppliers experienced the condition during routine testing and then launched an investigation that discovered its cause.

GM will ask owners of these vehicles to bring them to their Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, GMC, Oldsmobile, and Pontiac dealers. The dealers will inspect the driver's side air bag modules and replace those containing the suspect inflators with another air bag module assembly. These repairs will be performed at no cost to the customers.

While there have been no reports of incidents involving vehicles with the suspect air bag inflator modules, it is possible that, in the event of a driver's air bag deployment, pieces of the inflators could enter the passenger compartment. Additionally, the air bag cushion would not fully inflate.

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