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March 26, 2004

Mr. K. N. Weinstein Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Washington, D.C. 20590

The following information is an update to the 573.6(c)(2)(3)(4) information in our June 3, 2003 report. In that report, GM advised NHTSA that it had decided to recall certain 2002 and early 2003 model year Buick Rendezvous vehicles for the condition where the liftgate latch assembly may apparate from the liftgate structure in certain crash events. The recall included installation of metal strap reinforcements to the liftgate on vehicles built prior to the September 9, 2002. A braided webbing material between the latch assembly and latch reinforcement, which provides ductility in the event of a crash, was implemented into vehicle production on September 9, 2002.

GM has now decided to include certain 2003 and 2004 Buick Rendezvous vehicles in recall 03030 / NHTSA 03V-211. The recall will include installation of metal strap reinforcements to improve the retention performance of the liftgate structure on the involved vehicles produced between September 9, 2002 and March 19, 2004. The metal strap reinforcements were Implemented into vehicle production on March 19, 2004. This information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 673.6.

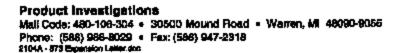
GM will forward draft copies of the dealer bulletin, owner letter and the scheduled malling dates for the expanded population to NHTSA when available. Please call me if you have any questions regarding the expansion of this safety recall.

Sincerely.

Director

Product Investigations

2104A / 03030A / 03V211 Attachment





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VEHICLES POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY MAKE, MODEL, AND MODEL YEAR PLUS INCLUSIVE DATES OF MANUFACTURE

<u>MAKE</u>	MODEL <u>Series</u>	MODEL YEAR	NUMBER INVOLVED	INCLU MANUFACTU (FROM)		DESCRIPTIVE INFO. TO PROPERLY IDENT. VEH.	EST. NO. W/CONDITION
Bulck	Б	2002	77,570	12/00	06/02	Rendezvous	100%
Buick	В	2003	17.296	04/02	09/02	Rendezvous	•
		Original Total	: 94,866				
Bulck	В	2003	49,941	09/02	05/03	Rendezvous	•
Buick	В	2004	54.015	03/03	03/04	Rendezvous	•
	1	Expansion Total	l: 103,956				

Grand Total: 198,822

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