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

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 separate 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 573.6.

GM will forward draft copies of the dealer bulletin, owner letter and the scheduled mailing 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,

Gay P. Kent
Director

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573.6(c)(2)(3)(4)

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

<u>MAKE</u>	<u>MODEL SERIES</u>	<u>MODEL YEAR</u>	<u>NUMBER INVOLVED</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE MANUFACTURING DATES (FROM) (TO)</u>		<u>DESCRIPTIVE INFO. TO PROPERLY IDENT. VEH.</u>	<u>EST. NO. W/CONDITION</u>
Buick	B	2002	77,570	12/00	06/02	Rendezvous	100%
Buick	B	2003	<u>17,296</u>	04/02	09/02	Rendezvous	"
		Original Total:	94,866				
Buick	B	2003	49,941	09/02	05/03	Rendezvous	"
Buick	B	2004	<u>54,015</u>	03/03	03/04	Rendezvous	"
		Expansion Total:	103,956				
		Grand Total:	198,822				