



**GENERAL MOTORS NORTH AMERICA**  
**Structure & Safety Integration**

April 28, 2004

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Mr. K. N. Weinstein  
 Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance  
 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 5321  
 Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

The following is a supplement to our April 9, 2002 report regarding a noncompliance involving seat belt assemblies in certain 2001-2002 CK and S/T model vehicles. This information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6(c)(8)(iii).

573.6(c)(8): On May 3, 2002, General Motors (GM) petitioned to be exempted from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301 "Motor Vehicle Safety" for a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies". GM had determined that certain 2001-2002 Chevrolet TrailBlazer, Avalanche, Silverado, Tahoe, and Suburban; GMC Envoy, Sierra, Yukon, Yukon Denali, Yukon XL, Yukon XL Denali; Cadillac Escalade, Escalade EXT; and Oldsmobile Bravada vehicles produced between May 2000 and April 28, 2002 may not meet the requirements of FMVSS 209 section 4.3(i)(1).

On April 14, 2004, NHTSA determined that GM had adequately demonstrated that the noncompliance with FMVSS 209 in the C/K model vehicles is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. At the same time, NHTSA also determined that GM had not demonstrated that the S/T model vehicles involved in this issue were inconsequential to motor vehicle safety.

With respect to NHTSA's decision regarding the S/T model vehicles, GM has decided to conduct a noncompliance recall. GM is currently developing a service procedure that will consist of an in-vehicle inspection procedure for installed seat belt assemblies to determine proper vehicle sensor function. GM plans to begin this noncompliance recall in July 2004. GM will submit draft copies of the dealer bulletin and owner notification letter when available.

Sincerely,

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 Director

Product Investigations

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**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>
GMC	S/T	2002	0	00/00	00/00	Envoy	* Unknown
Chevrolet	S/T	2002	0	00/00	00/00	TrailBlazer	*
Oldsmobile	S/T	2002	0	00/00	00/00	Brevada	*
GM Total:			337,000 (# Approximately)				

\* All involved vehicles will be inspected and corrected.

# Final counts will be supplied to the agency when available.