



October 27, 2004

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

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Dear Mr. Weinstein:

The following information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 as it applies to a determination by General Motors to conduct a safety recall involving certain 2002-04 Chevrolet TrailBlazer, TrailBlazer EXT; GMC Envoy, Envoy XL; Oldsmobile Bravada; and Buick Rainier model vehicles.

573.6(a)(1): Chevrolet, GMC, Oldsmobile and Buick Division of General Motors Corporation

573.6(c)(2)(3)(4): This information is shown on the attached sheet.

573.6(c)(5): This recall is being conducted in response to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Engineering Analysis (E.A.) to investigate brake lamp failure in model year 2002-04 Chevrolet TrailBlazer, TrailBlazer EXT; GMC Envoy, Envoy XL; Oldsmobile Bravada; and Buick Rainier model vehicles.

573.6(c)(6): On March 2, 2004, the Field Action Decision Committee (FADC) approved a 6-year/72,000 mile Special Policy for 989,487 vehicles because some of the subject trucks have certain tail lamp functions that may prematurely become inoperative. Specifically, the running and/or stop lamps in the affected tail lamp assembly may flicker for an unspecified period of time before becoming completely inoperative. The Special Policy involved inspecting both tail lamps for the suspect tail lamp back plate assemblies and to replace them and the subject tail lamp bulb with the new parts currently released for vehicle production.

The NHTSA issued a Preliminary Evaluation (P.E.) investigating 2002-04 Chevrolet TrailBlazers based on 37 complaints alleging "failure of the brake and/or tail lamp bulb to illuminate during application of vehicle brakes" on April 13, 2004. On August 11, 2004, the NHTSA upgraded the P.E. to an E.A. to investigate brake lamp failure in model year 2002-04 Chevrolet TrailBlazers and TrailBlazers EXT, GMC Envoy and Envoy XL, Oldsmobile Bravada, and 2004 Buick Rainier "the failure, malfunction, or otherwise unsatisfactory performance of the brake lamp circuit board, which causes the brake lamps not to illuminate when the brake pedal is depressed." In GM's response to this P.E. there were 262 complaints of brake lamp failure for the subject vehicles.

The GMNA Senior Management Committee recommended that a field action on the subject S/T trucks (see attached model breakdown) built from October 3, 2000, through August 8, 2003, be conducted as a Safety Recall (minus all the vehicles repaired under the Special Policy) and on October 20, 2004, the FADC decided to conduct a safety recall.

573.6(c)(8): Dealers will inspect/replace the rear lamp bulb socket assemblies on all involved vehicles.

Pursuant to 577.11(a), GM will provide reimbursement to owners for repairs completed on or before ten days after the owner mailing is completed, according to the plan submitted on January 15, 2003.



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573.6(c)(9): GM will provide a draft copy of the bulletin and owner letter along with the release and mailing dates when available.

Sincerely,  
  
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Director  
Product Investigations

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Attachments

**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</u> <u>(FROM) (TO)</u>		<u>DESCRIPTIVE INFO. TO PROPERLY IDENT. VEH.</u>	<u>EST. NO. W/CONDITION</u>
Chevrolet	S/T	2002	263,826	10/2000	06/2002	TrailBlazer, TrailBlazer EXT	*Unknown
Chevrolet	S/T	2003	270,506	04/2002	07/2003	TrailBlazer, TrailBlazer EXT	"
Chevrolet	S/T	2004	38,902	04/2003	08/2003	TrailBlazer, TrailBlazer EXT	"
GMC	S/T	2002	118,090	10/2000	08/2002	Envoy/Envoy XL	"
GMC	S/T	2003	137,866	04/2002	07/2003	Envoy/Envoy XL	"
GMC	S/T	2004	18,115	04/2003	08/2003	Envoy/Envoy XL	"
Oldsmobile	S/T	2002	27,064	10/2000	08/2002	Brevada	"
Oldsmobile	S/T	2003	8,429	04/2002	07/2003	Brevada	"
Oldsmobile	S/T	2004	530	04/2003	08/2003	Brevada	"
Buick	S/T	2004	356	04/2003	08/2003	Rainier	"
<b>GM Total:</b>			<b>871,473</b>				

\* All affected vehicles will be corrected.