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Assigned Recall No. <u>04V-129</u> by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: March 17, 2004 Date Faxed/E-Mailed: March 19, 2004

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SUBJECT: 3,662,211 MY 2000-2004 Chevrolet Silverado, 2002-2004 Avalanche, 2000-2004 GMC Sierra, and 2002-2004 Cadillac Escalade EXT pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles. The galvanized steel tailgate support cables that retain the tailgate in the full open (horizontal) position may corrode, weaken, and eventually fracture. If both cables fractured, the tailgate would suddenly drop and strike the top surface of the rear bumper. *GM Recall No. 04007*.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

This recall was the subject of an Engineering Analysis, EA04-005, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Please provide us with a draft owner notification letter for our review before mailing to consumers.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during the third quarter of 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:

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