

Dear General Motors Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Reason For This Recall: General Motors has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 1997-2004 model year Chevrolet Corvette vehicles. When you remove the ignition key, the electronic column lock (ECL) system prevents turning of the steering wheel. When the vehicle is started, it unlocks the steering system. Two conditions can prevent steering while the vehicle is moving:

1. Your vehicle is designed so that if the column fails to unlock when you start your vehicle, the fuel supply will be shut off if you try to move your vehicle. If voltage at the powertrain control module (PCM) is low or interrupted, however, the fuel shut off may not occur and the vehicle can be accelerated while the steering is locked.
2. During quick cranks, the ECL lock pin may not withdraw fully and, in vehicles where there is abnormally low clearance to the lock plate, there may be contact between the pin and lock plate. This can cause a noise or ratcheting when the steering wheel is turned or, if there is insufficient clearance, the steering wheel cannot be turned.

If one of these conditions occurs, a crash could occur without warning.

What Will Be Done: Your GM dealer will remove the column lock on U.S. and Canadian vehicles equipped with an automatic transmission. After this service correction, the steering column will no longer lock when the key is removed.

On vehicles equipped with a manual transmission, and export vehicles equipped with an automatic transmission, your dealer will 1) reprogram the PCM and, 2) verify that there is adequate lock plate clearance and, if necessary, replace the lock plate. After this service correction, the steering column will continue to lock when the key is removed.

This service correction will be performed for you at no charge.

Until your Corvette is repaired, you can easily verify that the column is unlocked by turning the steering wheel a full turn before shifting into gear. If you hear a ratcheting noise while turning the wheel or experience column lock after starting the engine, contact your dealer to arrange for repair.

How Long Will The Repair Take? This service correction will take approximately 20 minutes to 1 hour and 40 minutes, depending on the type of transmission you have in your vehicle. However, due to service scheduling requirements, your dealer may need your vehicle for a longer period of time.

Contacting Your Dealer: To limit any possible inconvenience, we recommend that you contact your GM dealer as soon as possible to schedule an appointment for this repair. By scheduling an appointment, your dealer can ensure that the necessary parts will be available on your scheduled appointment date. Should your dealer be unable to schedule a

service date within a reasonable time, you should contact the appropriate Customer Assistance Center at the listed number below:

Division	Number	Text Telephones (TTY)
Chevrolet	1-800-630-2438	1-800-833-2438
Puerto Rico – English	1-800-496-9992	
Puerto Rico – Español	1-800-496-9993	
Virgin Islands	1-800-496-9994	

If, after contacting the appropriate Customer Assistance Center, you are still not satisfied that we have done our best to remedy this condition without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 or call 1-888-327-4236.

Customer Reply Form: The enclosed customer reply form identifies your vehicle. Presentation of this form to your dealer will assist in making the necessary correction in the shortest possible time. If you no longer own this vehicle, please let us know by completing the form and mailing it back to us.

Customer Reimbursement: The enclosed form explains what reimbursement is available and how to request reimbursement if you have paid for repairs for the recall condition.

Courtesy Transportation: If your vehicle is within the New Vehicle Limited Warranty your dealer may provide you with shuttle service or some other form of courtesy transportation while your vehicle is at the dealership for this repair. Please refer to your Owner's Manual and your dealer for details on Courtesy Transportation.

We are sorry to cause you this inconvenience; however, we have taken this action in the interest of your safety and continued satisfaction with our products.

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