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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 2004 model year Chevrolet Malibu and Malibu Maxx vehicles equipped with anti-lock brake system (ABS). The ABS controller may calculate a higher than actual vehicle speed if there is an erratic rear-wheel speed sensor signal. This can cause ABS activation where it is not needed or cause needed ABS activation to be extended during braking as the vehicle speed drops to about 5 km/h (3 mph). A four wheel ABS activation could occur for a maximum of 1.25 seconds on a level surface or for up to 2.5 seconds if the vehicle is on a grade, resulting in increased stopping distances of up to 3.4 m (11.4 ft.). If this condition occurs where stopping distance is limited, a crash could occur.

On some vehicles, the ABS warning lamp on the instrument panel may illuminate. This can occur when the system detects the erratic speed signals and it means that the ABS is disabled. The brake system will perform normally in non-ABS mode until the vehicle is restarted and the ABS lamp is off.

**What Will Be Done:** Your GM dealer will reprogram the ABS controller. This service will be performed for you at no charge.

**How Long Will The Repair Take?** This reprogram will take approximately 20 minutes. 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. 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. The Customer Assistance Center's hours of operation are from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM, EST, Monday through Friday.

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.

**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.

**Recall Information Online:** More information about this recall (including answers to frequently asked questions) is available online at the Owner Center at My GMLink. This free online service offers vehicle and ownership related information and tools tailored to your specific vehicle. To join, visit [www.mygmlink.com](http://www.mygmlink.com), and enter your vehicle's 17-character vehicle identification number (VIN) shown on the enclosed form to get the most personalized information for your vehicle.

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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