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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.

**Reason For This Recall:** General Motors has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in **certain** 2004 and 2005 model year Cadillac XLR vehicles, and 2005 model year Chevrolet Corvette vehicles. The rear brake lines may contact other components or be affected by heat from them.

If contact occurs, the driver may hear a rattle noise. Over time, the contact could cause brake line wear-through resulting in a slow loss of brake fluid, which would appear as fluid spotting under the vehicle. On XLR vehicles, this could also create a visible puff of smoke when the brakes are applied. If enough fluid is lost, the performance of the rear brakes will be reduced, there would be an increase in brake pedal effort in order to achieve the desired braking, and the brake system warning light may illuminate on the instrument panel.

If the brake line on XLR vehicles is affected by heat, the fluid in the brake line could boil. The performance of the rear brakes will be reduced and there would be an increase in brake pedal effort in order to achieve the desired braking.

If this were to occur when stopping distance is limited, a crash could occur.

**What Will Be Done:** Your dealer will inspect, and reposition or secure if necessary, the rear brake lines to ensure that there is adequate clearance from other underbody components. On some vehicles, a machining tab on the rear differential housing may need to be removed to provide adequate clearance. The rear brake lines are to also be inspected and, if damaged, repaired. This service will be performed for you at **no charge**.

**How Long Will The Repair Take?** This inspection will take approximately 25 minutes. If repairs are required, an additional 1 to 2 ½ hours will be needed. 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 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. 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) |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Cadillac              | 1-866-982-2339 | 1-800-833-2622        |
| Chevrolet             | 1-800-630-2438 | 1-800-833-2438        |
| Puerto Rico – English | 1-800-496-9992 |                       |
| Puerto Rico –         | 1-800-496-9993 |                       |

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| Español        |                |  |
| Virgin Islands | 1-800-496-9994 |  |
| Guam           | 1-671-648-8650 |  |

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.

**My GMLink Online:** 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 customer reply form to get the most personalized information for your vehicle.

Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

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.

General Motors Corporation

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