



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

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GAY KENT
GENERAL MOTORS CORP.
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NVS-215
05V-061

Subject: REAR SEAT LATCHES

Dear MS. KENT:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

CHEVROLET/UPLANDER/2005

PONTIAC/MONTANA/2005

SATURN/RELAY/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-061

Recall Date: February 16, 2005

Components:

SEATS:MID/REAR ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 18,850

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MINIVANS, DURING THE CRASH SEQUENCE OF A SIDE IMPACT NEW CAR ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (NCAP) TEST, THE OUTBOARD RELEASE HANDLE ON THE IMPACT-SIDE SECOND-ROW BUCKET SEAT MAY BE ACTUATED AND THE REAR LATCHES MAY UNLATCH EARLY.

Consequence:

IF THE REAR LATCHES OF THE SEAT ARE RELEASED EARLY IN A SEVERE SIDE IMPACT, THE FRONT OUTBOARD LATCH MAY DISENGAGE AND INCREASE THE POTENTIAL FOR INJURY TO THE OCCUPANT OF THE SEAT.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE SEAT LATCH RELEASE LEVER WITH A REVISED DESIGNED LEVER. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNERS NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT SATURN AT 1-800-972-8876, CHEVROLET AT 1-800-630-2438, AND PONTIAC AT 1-800-620-7668.

Notes:

GM RECALL NO. 05015. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

/S/ Patricia A. Wallace for

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division