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Mr. Ronald Medford  
Senior Associate Administrator, Vehicle Safety  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 5321  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Medford:

The following information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 as it applies to a determination by General Motors of a noncompliance involving certain 2006 model year Chevrolet Malibu vehicles.

573.6(c)(1): Chevrolet Division of General Motors Corporation.

573.6(c)(2)(3)(4): This information is shown on the attached sheet.

573.6(c)(5): General Motors has decided that certain 2006 model year Chevrolet Malibu vehicles fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (MVSS) 110. For vehicles built on/after 09/01/05, Section 4.3 of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 110, Tire Selection and Rims – Passenger Cars, states in paragraph (d) that the tire placard on the vehicle must include the "Tire size designation, indicated by the headings 'size' or 'original tire size' or 'original size' and 'spare tire' or 'spare' for the tires installed at the time of the first purchase for purposes other than resale."

573.6(c)(7): GM's determination is based on:

Fairfax Assembly computer-generated the label using data pulled from the Engineering Tire Label Table. The October 2004 Tire Label Table properly specified the 15 inch spare for the front disc/rear drum brake system (RPO J41). A December 2004 release of a front/rear disc brake system (RPO JL9) required a 16 inch spare. The change process did not revise the Tire Label Table.

A label review that was not part of the normal process discovered the issue on 09/08/05. On 09/09/05, the Wheel Alignment/Trim Height Group corrected the Tire Label Table and Fairfax break-pointed the correction.

The issue was presented to the Field Performance Evaluation Review Committee (FPERC), and on October 11, 2005, the Executive Field Action Decision Committee (EFADC), decided to conduct a noncompliance recall.

573.6(c)(8): GM will send a corrected label to affected customers, providing them the option to take the vehicle to the dealer for installation of the label. GM will send corrected labels to affected dealers for installation in unsold vehicles.

Pursuant to 577.11(e), GM does not believe notification about reimbursement is required for this recall because it involves mailing a label.

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573.6(c)(9): GM will provide draft copies of the bulletin and owner letter when available along with mail dates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Kent", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gay P. Kent  
Director  
Product Investigations

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Attachments

573.6(c)(2),(3),(4)

VEHICLES POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY MAKE, MODEL, AND MODEL YEAR  
PLUS INCLUSIVE DATES OF MANUFACTURE

<u>MAKE</u>	<u>MODEL SERIES</u>	<u>MODEL YEAR</u>	<u>NUMBER INVOLVED</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE MANUFACTURING DATES (FROM) (TO)</u>		<u>DESCRIPTIVE INFO. TO PROPERLY IDENT. VEH.</u>	<u>EST. NO. W/CONDITION</u>
Chevrolet	Z	2006	2,351	09/2005	09/2005	Malibu	100%
		GM Total:	2,351				

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