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URGENT DISTRIBUTE IMMEDIATELY**

Date: December 13, 2005

Subject: Upcoming Safety Recall
 05113 - Seat Belt Buckle

Models: 2003-2006 Chevrolet Express and GMC Savana
 Full-Size Passenger, Cargo and Cutaway Vans

To: All Chevrolet and GMC Dealers

Attention: Dealer Operator, General Manager, Sales Manager,
 Used Car Manager, Service Manager, Parts Manager,
 and Warranty Administrator

Based on information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) web site, the media may report that General Motors will be announcing a safety recall involving certain 2003-2006 model year Chevrolet Express and GMC Savana full-size passenger, cargo and cutaway vans.

These vehicles may have front and rear seat belt buckles that will not latch or will not unlatch. There are two conditions that render the buckle inoperative after customer usage. Specifically, (1) with a broken ejector hood, the latch tongue cannot fully enter the buckle to become latched, and (2) if the release bar moves permanently out of position the buckle will either be unable to engage the latch or the pushbutton will be unable to unlatch the seat belt buckle.

To correct this condition, dealers are to replace the entire buckle assembly for buckles found to be inoperative upon initial inspection (either will not latch or will not unlatch). For buckles found to be operative the field fix will be to replace the upper buckle cover. Dealers will perform this repair at no charge to customers.

Approximately 478,000 vehicles are involved and GM is working with its suppliers to obtain the required parts as quickly as possible. Dealers will be advised when a release date has been established for this recall.

GMVIS information for this recall will not be available until the recall bulletin is released to dealers.

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