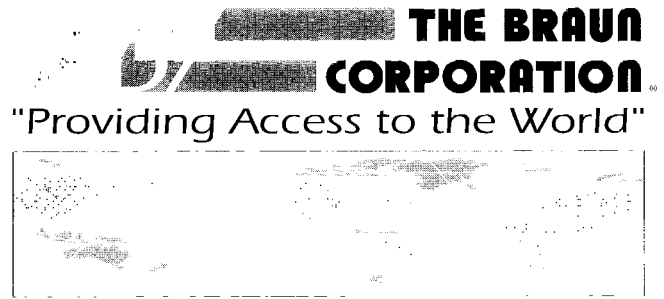


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February 10, 2006

Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance (NSA-01)
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Recall of Braun manufactured General Motors conversion vehicles

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to 49 CFR Parts 573 and 577, we are submitting a Defect and Noncompliance Report, a draft Safety Recall-Owner Notification letter, and a proposed remedy instruction for your perusal and comment. Please let us know your thoughts, and offer suggestions, and direction in this matter.

We anticipate our first efforts in contacting owners/dealers of the recall population during the week of February 13, 2006. Having never conducted a safety recall, we welcome your guidance in helping us resolve this issue.

At your earliest convenience, please contact our Director of Product Support, Mr. Rick Nelson, to discuss the proper course of action. He may be reached at 1-800-946-7513, extension 3178.

Sincerely,

Barry E. Wolff

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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

On February 6, 2006, The Braun Corporation decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Date this report was prepared: **February 9, 2006**

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): **N/A**

Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164:

The Braun Corporation

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall:

Rick Nelson
Director of Product Support

Telephone Number: **1-800-946-7513 Extension 3178**
Fax Number: **574-946-3143**

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report:

Barry Wolff
Director of Risk Management

Signed: *Barry E. Wolff*

I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, *for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle, provide:*

Make(s): **General Motors** Model Years Involved: **2005-2006**

Model(s): **Uplander, SV6, Terraza**

Braun Production Dates: Beginning: **Circa September 2005**
Ending: **February 6, 2006**

VIN Range: Beginning: **N/A** Ending: **N/A**

Vehicle Type: **MPV** Bodystyle: **Minivan**

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

All 2005 and 2006 General Motors minivans final stage manufactured by Braun between September, 2005 and February 6, 2006; having a low pressure fuel hose originally manufactured by Martinrea installed in the high pressure fuel line located underneath the driver seating position.

II. Identify the Recall Population

Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved
Uplander	2005	299
Uplander	2006	185
SV6	2005	4
SV6	2006	5
Terraza	2005	154
Terraza	2006	10

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: **657**

Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance:

100%

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined—in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

Through its initial investigation Braun determined that vehicles produced prior to September 7, 2005, were manufactured with the proper high pressure fuel line. This date was determined by an external audit/inspection of in-field vehicles. This investigation led us to determine that a manufacturing error was ongoing. Braun immediately made a corrective action to change the fuel line on all vehicles in its possession. This corrective action constitutes the basis for determining the final date of manufacture of the recalled vehicles.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

A low pressure fuel line was mistakenly used in place of a high pressure fuel line. The fuel line is located approximately beneath the driver position. (See the attached proposed Service Bulletin for illustrations of the remedy).

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

The cause of the defect is a manufacturing error.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

The consequences of the defect include potentially unexpected vehicle deceleration due to an interrupted fuel supply to the engine, potential hazardous waste spillage, and potential fire.

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

A small fuel leak may precede a larger fuel discharge.

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

N/A

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

N/A

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

On February 3, 2006, The Braun Corporation received a single field report (warranty claim) of a fuel line failure. Our investigation during the afternoon of February 3, 2006, and the morning of February 6, 2006, led us to discover a manufacturing error. This error was immediately corrected on in-process vehicles and vehicles held in inventory. There have been no reports of accidents, injuries, fatalities, or other warranty claims.

With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

N/A

V. Identify the Remedy

Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

The remedy is to replace the fuel hose. The recall fuel hose is identified by light green lettering with the words, "MARTINREA GEN III E-P-CAP (R) 8.76/2.8-N 30730S0915C3." The remedy fuel hose is identified by white lettering with the words, "FUEL INJECTION HOSE (MULTI-FUEL COMPATABILITY) 3/8 INCH (9.5mm) SAE 30R9 GATES RUBBER COMPANY MADE IN USA GL103103A." (See also, the attached proposed Service Bulletin for illustrations of the remedy).

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/ assembly versus the recalled component/assembly:

See Above

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

The recall condition was corrected in production on February 6, 2006, by replacing the incorrect (low pressure) fuel hose with the correct (high pressure) fuel hose. The production remedy is identical to the recall remedy. The incorrect fuel hose was not

discontinued (as it is used in other applications). However, the incorrect hose was removed from the assembly area so that it could no longer be mistakenly used.

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification.

These notices and communications are being developed, and are not yet in final form. The Braun Corporation expects to begin its recall campaign during the week of February 13, 2006.

Service Bulletin 32728

February 2006

for Installation of **High Pressure Fuel Line Upgrade Kit 32730K**

Applicable for **Braun Entervan Lowered Floor
Conversions** featuring 2005 & 2006 GM Minivans*



Introduction: Fuel Line Upgrade Kit 32730K provides a six inch long section of high pressure fuel line along with three securement clamps (details at right). The section of high pressure fuel line is supplied to be installed in place of a section of low pressure fuel line for enhanced performance and durability. Remove the existing fuel line and install the retrofit fuel line as detailed. **Review all procedures before beginning.**

*2005 & 2006 GM Minivans including **Chevy Uplander, Buick Terraza and Pontiac SV6**

Kit 32730K Parts List

Item	Qty.	Description	Part No.
1	6"	Fuel Line, 3/8" High Pressure	51629R
2	3	Clamp, Hose, 1/8-5/16" Worm/Ring	10524
3	1	Instructions, Retrofit, HP Fuel Line	32728

Before beginning retrofit procedures, refer to GM Service Manual Cautions and Notices for:

- Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle
- Battery Disconnect
- Relieving Fuel Pressure
- Gasoline/Gasoline Vapors

Relieve fuel system pressure as detailed in Steps 1-5:

1. Loosen the fuel filler cap in order to relieve the tank pressure. Do not tighten at this time.
2. Raise the vehicle.
3. Disconnect the fuel pump electrical connector (located to the chassis side of the rear driver side wheel). See Photo A.
4. Start and run the engine until the fuel supply remaining in the fuel pipes is consumed. Engage the starter for 3.0 seconds in order to assure relief of any remaining pressure.
5. Connect the fuel pump electrical connector. See Photo A.



Fuel Pump Electrical Connector

6. Disconnect the negative battery cable in order to avoid possible fuel discharge if an accidental attempt is made to start the engine. Ensure the engine is cool.

Note: Before disconnecting the battery:

- Record all presets and theft codes from the radio.
- Turn off all lamps and accessories.
- Turn the ignition OFF.

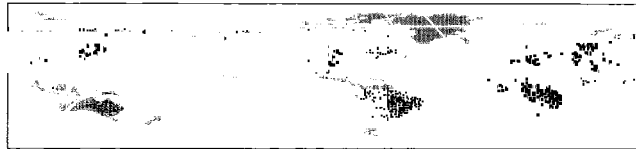
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7. Locate the deflector shield (located below driver seat area). See Photo B. Remove shield (seven Phillips self-tapping screws).
8. **Caution: Provide fuel spillage container** for this step. Some fuel will spill. Carefully remove high pressure line splice by removing three worm ring hose clamps. See Photo C. Remove and **discard** splice and three clamps.
9. Slide **new** clamps onto fuel lines (two in front and one in rear). See Photo C. Install replacement (**new**) splice (slide onto fuel lines). Splice must overlap fuel lines minimum 1-1/4" at front and minimum 3/4" at rear. Position clamps fully onto ends of splice. **Tighten clamps to 11-18 inch pounds.**

Phillips Self-tapping Screws



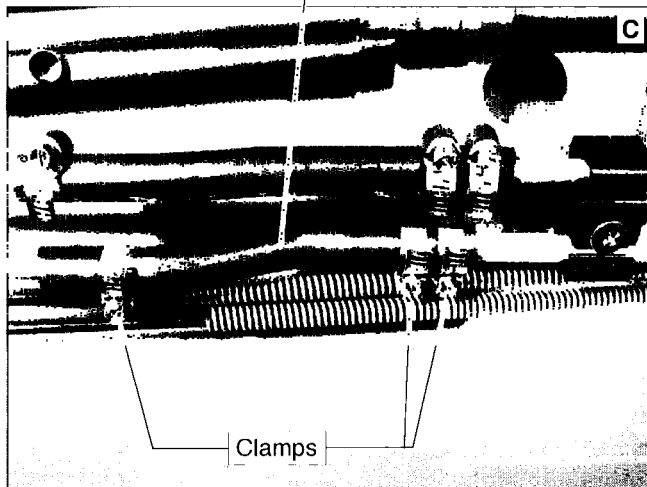
Phillips Self-tapping Screws

10. Reposition deflector shield and secure with seven Phillips self-tapping screws.
11. Tighten the fuel filler cap.
12. Connect the negative battery cable.

Note: If affected, reprogram the radio presets and/or re-initialize the power sliding doors (refer to "Actuator Control Module - Power Sliding Door PSD Programming and Setup" in GM Service Manual).

13. Cycle the key on and off two times (15 second intervals) to pressurize the fuel system. Start the engine.

High Pressure Fuel Line Splice



Clamps

SAFETY RECALL – FUEL HOSE REPLACEMENT on GENERAL MOTORS UPLANDER,
MONTANA, and TERRAZA ENTERVAN CONVERSIONS

Dear Entervan Vehicle Owner:
Vehicle Identification Number (VIN):

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Highway Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

The Braun Corporation has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain (model year 2005 and 2006 model vehicles manufactured from September 2005 to February 2006). This safety defect may result in a fuel hose rupture that allows fuel to be pumped freely from the fuel tank, and into the area underneath the driver's seating position. Unless the defect is remedied you may experience symptoms ranging from unexpected vehicle deceleration to a vehicle fire.

Your vehicle, identified above, **is affected**. For this reason we ask that you arrange for service to correct the condition without delay. The service and required parts as described in this letter will be provided free of charge.

To correct this condition, your dealer will replace a short section of fuel line hose with a similar fuel hose with a higher pressure rating.

The work will take less than one hour to complete. However, additional time may be required depending on how dealer appointments are scheduled and processed. To obtain this free service:

Contact your dealer as soon as possible to schedule an appointment for the free service.

Take this Owner Notification Form with you at the time of your appointment and give it to your dealer. This form identifies the vehicle and the service that is required.

If you have any problem obtaining the needed repair, please contact The Braun Corporation Product Support at 1-800-946-7513. A Braun Product Support representative will arrange for prompt attention to your vehicle.

We regret any inconvenience which this action may cause you. However, we are concerned about your safety. If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, or call 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236). (Washington DC residents use 1-202-366-0123).

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.