



SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

April 2006

Dear ACDelco Customer:

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

ACDelco supplier, Affinia, has decided that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain brake hydraulic master cylinders. As a result, Affinia is conducting a safety recall. Our records indicate that you may have purchased the subject brake hydraulic master cylinders from ACDelco. A detailed list of these purchases is attached. We apologize for this inconvenience. However, we have taken this action for your safety and continued satisfaction with our ACDelco products.

IMPORTANT Note: Only products with date codes 342105210 through 342106017 on the packaging label are subject to this recall

ACD# **18M739***
GM# **18037329**
QTY. **1**
MASTER CYLINDER
MAITRE CYLINDRE
CILINDRO MAESTRO



Date
Code

**Why are the
brake master
cylinders being
recalled?**

When subjected to very cold temperatures, i.e., below 5 degrees Fahrenheit (-15 Celsius), an internal seal in the master cylinder may lose flexibility. This condition may cause brake fluid to leak, leading to a decrease in brake line pressure and an increase in stopping distance. The driver may feel a distending, or spongy brake pedal, and/or notice a warning brake lamp light on the vehicle instrument panel. This condition could lead to a vehicle crash.

**What should
you do?**

See the attached Affinia letters which explain what you should do to notify your customers who may have purchased the recalled parts. The letters also explain how you and your customers can return recalled parts and obtain reimbursement and/or replacement parts.

Jeffrey H. Quigley
Director
Maintenance and Repair Business Line
General Motors Service Parts Operations

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TO: General Motors Service Parts Operations and ACDelco Distributors and Installers

Re: Recall of Certain AC Delco Hydraulic Master Cylinders (Only Part Numbers/Date Codes Listed in Table 1)

Dear Valued Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Affinia Group Inc. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain brake hydraulic master cylinders manufactured by its subsidiary, Brake Parts Incorporated (BPI), and supplied to you. These products were intended for aftermarket installation on the vehicle applications listed in Table 1 below.

Identification of brake hydraulic master cylinders covered by recall

The subject brake hydraulic master cylinders were manufactured from July 27, 2005 through January 17, 2006, and were sold exclusively in the aftermarket. The part numbers and the intended vehicle applications of the affected products are listed in Table 1.

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BRAND	PART NUMBER	PART NUMBER	VEHICLE APPLICATION
ACDelco	18030857	18M615	1992-2001 Viper; 1992-1997 Ford Trk. Aerostar;
ACDelco	18037329	18M739	1996 Chrysler Town Country Van; 2000 Chrysler Voyager; 1996-2000 Dodge Caravan; 1996-2000 Plymouth Trk. Voyager;
ACDelco	89056512	18M957	2002 Chrysler Prowler; 1997-2001 Prowler; 1995-2001 Jeep Trk. Cherokee; 1995-1998 Jeep Trk. Grand Cherokee;
ACDelco	18039271	18M802	1997-1998 Dodge Trk. Dakota; 1997-2005 Jeep Trk. Wrangler;
ACDelco	88916853	18M853	1998 Dodge Durango;
ACDelco	88916857	18M857	1997-2000 Ford Contour; 1999-2002 Cougar; 1997-2000 Mercury Mystique;
ACDelco	88925542	18M868	1998-2000 Chrysler Town Country Van; 2000 Chrysler Voyager; 1998-2000 Dodge Caravan; 1998-2000 Plymouth Trk. Voyager;
ACDelco	89017019	18M930	2001-2005 Chrysler Town Country Van; 2001-2005 Chrysler Voyager; 2001-2005 Dodge Caravan;

Description of Defect

When subjected to very cold temperatures, i.e., below 5 degrees Fahrenheit (-15 Celsius), an internal seal in the master cylinder could lose flexibility. This condition may cause brake fluid to leak, leading to a decrease in brake line pressure and an increase in stopping distance. The driver may feel a distending, or spongy brake pedal, and/or notice a warning brake lamp light on the vehicle instrument panel. This condition could lead to a vehicle crash.

What You Should Do

(a) Recalled product in inventory: Our records indicate that you may have purchased the subject brake hydraulic master cylinders from us.* You will receive reimbursement for the master cylinders returned including freight charges. Please call (toll-free number) to request a RGA No. Product should be returned to:

Brake Parts Inc. – Litchfield Machining Plant
725 McKinley Avenue
Litchfield, IL 62056-2701

Attn: RG12006

Replacement brake hydraulic master cylinders are available for shipment to you. ***Under federal law, you may not sell the recalled brake hydraulic master cylinders.*** Please return them to us for reimbursement as soon as possible.

(b) Recalled product in the hands of your customers and owners: Please forward copies of this letter to reselling customers who have purchased from you. They will be provided free replacement brake hydraulic master cylinders on the same basis as above.

We also request that you transmit copies of the attached letter to owners through your distribution system. It advises owners of steps to be taken by them to obtain and have installed replacement brake hydraulic master cylinders free of charge. Alternatively, you may provide customer contact information to Affinia, and Affinia will coordinate notification to these customers.

We are requesting that installers remove the existing brake hydraulic master cylinders and install the replacement at no charge to your customer. Affinia will reimburse you for 2 hours of labor. Invoices for this work should include customer name, RG12006 tracking code, quantity, and part number(s) and sent to:

Affinia – Under Vehicle Group
4400 Prime Parkway
McHenry, IL., 60050
Attention: Warranty Claims Administrator Ref. RG12006

* Federal Regulations require any lessor receiving this letter to forward it to the lessee within 10 days.

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If you have any questions, please call Affinia Customer Service at 1-800-323-0354. You may also contact the Administrator, National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration, at 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590; or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4326 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>, if you are unable to obtain a remedy without charge within a reasonable time.

We appreciate your cooperation and apologize for any inconvenience.

Attachment (Letter to Owners)

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Affinia Group has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain brake hydraulic master cylinders manufactured by its subsidiary, Brake Parts Incorporated. These products were marketed by **ACDelco** under the **ACDelco** brand name. Affinia is recalling the affected product.

WHAT PRODUCTS ARE INVOLVED?

This recall involves brake hydraulic master cylinders with the part numbers identified in the table below, and which were manufactured from July 27, 2005 through January 17, 2006. These products were sold exclusively in the aftermarket for use on the vehicles identified.

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WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

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WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

If you have purchased one of the subject brake hydraulic master cylinders through an installer, we urge you to contact your installing dealer as soon as possible to arrange an appointment to have the part replaced free of charge. The labor time to perform this service will be approximately 2 hours and labor will be free of charge to you. Replacement master cylinders are currently available at your installing dealer. The dealer will perform the remedy at no cost to you and will bill Affinia.

If you purchased your product through a retailer, please contact Affinia Group Customer Service at 1-800-323-0354 for return instructions. Affinia will provide a free replacement upon return of the product to Affinia.

If you have any questions about this recall, please call Affinia Group Customer Service at 1-800-323-0354. You may also contact the Administrator, National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration, at 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590; or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4326 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>, if you are unable to obtain a remedy without charge within a reasonable time.

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Affinia apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause, but it is taking this action in the interest of your personal safety and satisfaction with our products. Thank you for your cooperation.