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# Recall Bulletin



## PRODUCT SAFETY RECALL

**SUBJECT:** Aftermarket Leather Seat Cover Kits

**MODELS:** 2005-2006 Buick LaCrosse, Rendezvous  
2004 Chevrolet Silverado  
2005 Chevrolet Tahoe  
2005-2006 Chevrolet TrailBlazer, TrailBlazer EXT  
2006 Chevrolet HHR, Malibu  
2005 GMC Sierra  
2005-2006 GMC Envoy  
2006 GMC Envoy XL  
2006 HUMMER H3  
2005 Pontiac Montana  
2006 Pontiac G6

**THIS BULLETIN IS BEING ADMINISTERED IN TWO PHASES. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN THE SECOND PHASE IS BEING RELEASED.**

### CONDITION

General Motors has decided that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in aftermarket front passenger leather cover kits that were installed at its request on certain vehicles with the Passenger Sensing System. Recently, testing on these seat covers indicated that they can cause the Passenger Sensing system to malfunction. If the Passenger Sensing System malfunctions, the front airbag on the passenger side may be disabled when it should be enabled, or enabled when it should be disabled. In either case, in the event of a crash that requires airbag deployment, a front passenger's level of injury may be increased.

The airbag status indicator displays the status of the airbag. Whenever the front passenger seat is occupied, the driver should always check the airbag indicator to see if the airbag is on or off as explained in the owner manual. If it is not correct for the situation, the passenger should be moved to a different seat.

### CORRECTION

Because a replacement leather seat cover that is compatible with the Passenger Sensing System is not available, General Motors will repurchase the vehicle for the full price the customer paid for it (not exceeding the fair market value at the time the customer purchased

it), including taxes and fees, if the vehicle is returned to General Motor's possession by January 31, 2007. There will be no deductions for mileage or use unless the vehicle has sustained substantial damage beyond normal wear and tear.

After January 31, 2007, the vehicle will be repurchased less a reasonable depreciation allowance of \$0.30 for each accrued mile on the vehicle.

General Motors will also pay for the removal of any aftermarket accessories the customer may have installed before they were notified of this recall and return them to the customer. If they no longer have a use for those accessories or they cannot be removed, General Motors will reimburse the customer for the purchase price of those accessories.

The customer will contact General Motors to begin the repurchase process. General Motors will work with the customer to reach an agreement on the purchase of the vehicle. Dealers will be contacted by General Motors to assist in the removal of any aftermarket accessories, inspection of the vehicle, obtaining titles and other documentation required to transfer ownership to General Motors, presenting the customer with a check from General Motors for the purchase, and taking possession of the vehicle. General Motors will arrange for transportation of the vehicle from the dealer.

If any of these vehicles are in the used car inventory of your dealership or were sold by you, please contact General Motors at 1-877-477-1022.

#### VEHICLES INVOLVED

Involved are **certain** 2005-2006 Buick LaCrosse, Rendezvous; 2004 Chevrolet Silverado; 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe; 2005-2006 Chevrolet TrailBlazer, TrailBlazer EXT; 2006 Chevrolet HHR, Malibu; 2005 GMC Sierra; 2005-2006 GMC Envoy; 2006 GMC Envoy XL; 2006 HUMMER H3; 2005 Pontiac Montana; and 2006 Pontiac G6 vehicles equipped with aftermarket leather seat cover kits installed by GM's request and built within these VIN breakpoints:

YEAR	DIVISION	MODEL	FROM	THROUGH
2005	Buick	LaCrosse (1 vehicle)	51281497	51281497
2006	Buick	LaCrosse (1 vehicle)	61134786	61134786
2005	Buick	Rendezvous	5S501119	5S569021
2006	Buick	Rendezvous	6S500504	6S520281
2006	Chevrolet	HHR (1 vehicle)	6S503457	6S503457
2006	Chevrolet	Malibu (1 vehicle)	6F107396	6F107396
2004	Chevrolet	Silverado (1 vehicle each)	4F188683	4F188683
			4E148915	4E148915
2005	Chevrolet	Tahoe	5J259636	5J260805
			5R266297	5R266690
2005	Chevrolet	TrailBlazer	52113788	52384401
2006	Chevrolet	TrailBlazer	62104823	62150456

VEHICLES INVOLVED, Cont'd.

YEAR	DIVISION	MODEL	FROM	THROUGH
2005	Chevrolet	TrailBlazer EXT	56123051	56185067
2006	Chevrolet	TrailBlazer EXT	66103751	66147574
2005	GMC	Envoy	52133749	52383526
2006	GMC	Envoy	62103105	62126663
2006	GMC	Envoy XL	66102554	66105809
2005	GMC	Sierra (1 vehicle)	51363076	51363076
2006	HUMMER	H3	68135915	68169295
2006	Pontiac	G6	64100131	64146959
2005	Pontiac	Montana SV6 (1 vehicle)	5D187337	5D187337

**Important:** Dealers are to confirm vehicle eligibility prior to beginning repairs by using GMVIS. Not all vehicles within the above breakpoints may be involved.

For dealers with involved vehicles, a listing with involved vehicles containing the complete vehicle identification number, customer name, and address information has been prepared and will be provided through the GMDealerWorld Recall Information system. Dealers will not have a report available if they have no involved vehicles currently assigned.

The listing may contain customer names and addresses obtained from Motor Vehicle Registration Records. The use of such motor vehicle registration data for any purpose other than follow-up necessary to complete this recall is a violation of law in several states/provinces/countries. Accordingly, you are urged to limit the use of this report to the follow-up necessary to complete this recall.

PARTS INFORMATION

No parts are required for this recall.

SERVICE PROCEDURE

General Motors will work with the customer to reach an agreement on the purchase of the vehicle. Dealers will be contacted by General Motors to assist in the removal of any aftermarket accessories, inspection of the vehicle, obtaining titles and other documentation required to transfer ownership to General Motors, presenting the customer with a check from General Motors for the repurchase, and taking possession of the vehicle. General Motors will arrange for transportation of the vehicle from the dealer.

CLAIM INFORMATION

Submit a Product Recall Claim with the information indicated below:

REPAIR PERFORMED	PART COUNT	PART NO.	PARTS ALLOW	CC-FC	LABOR OP	LABOR HOURS	NET ITEM
Repurchase of Vehicle	N/A	N/A	N/A	MA-96	V1532	N/A	*
Repurchase & Replacement of Vehicle	N/A	N/A	N/A	MA-96	V1533	N/A	**
Customer Reimbursement (For CAC Use Only)	N/A	N/A	N/A	MA-96	V1534	N/A	***

- \* The amount identified in the "Net Item" column should represent the actual Federal Express charge, plus \$100 administration allowance.
- \*\* The amount identified in the "Net Item" column should represent the actual Federal Express charge, plus \$200 administration allowance.
- \*\*\* The amount identified in the "Net Item" column should represent the dollar amount reimbursed to the customer.

Refer to the General Motors WINS Claims Processing Manual for details on Product Recall Claim Submission.

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

General Motors will notify customers of this recall on their vehicle (see copy of customer letter included with this bulletin).

DEALER RECALL RESPONSIBILITY

The customer will contact General Motors to begin the repurchase process. General Motors will work with the customer to reach an agreement on the purchase of the vehicle. Dealers will be contacted by General Motors to assist in the removal of any aftermarket accessories, inspection of the vehicle, obtaining titles and other documentation required to transfer ownership to General Motors, presenting the customer with a check from General Motors for the purchase, and taking possession of the vehicle. General Motors will arrange for transportation of the vehicle from the dealer.

Whenever a vehicle subject to this recall enters your vehicle inventory, or is in your dealership for service in the future, you must contact General Motors at 1-877-477-1022.



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Dear General Motors Customer:

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

General Motors has decided that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain vehicles originally built with cloth seats that were equipped with an automatic airbag passenger sensing system and later reupholstered with aftermarket leather seat cover kits. As a result, GM is conducting a safety recall. We apologize for this inconvenience. However, we have taken this action for your safety and continued satisfaction with our products.

### **IMPORTANT**

- Your vehicle is involved in safety recall 06102.
- Contact General Motors at 1-877-477-1022.

#### **Why is your vehicle being recalled?**

Your vehicle was originally built with cloth seats. After the original lease/rental agreement on the vehicle had expired and the vehicle was returned to General Motors, the vehicle was reupholstered with aftermarket leather seat covers. Recently, testing indicated that the aftermarket leather seat covers can cause the Passenger Sensing System to malfunction. The Passenger Sensing System is a seat module that is individually calibrated and designed to turn the right front passenger's frontal airbag off in these conditions:

- the right front passenger seat is unoccupied
- the system determines that an infant is present in a rear-facing infant seat
- the system determines that a small child is present in a forward-facing child restraint
- the system determines that a small child is present in a booster seat
- a right front passenger takes his/her weight off of the seat for a period of time
- the right front passenger seat is occupied by a smaller person, such as a child who has outgrown child restraints
- or if there is a critical problem with the airbag system or Passenger Sensing System

If the Passenger Sensing System malfunctions, the front airbag on the passenger side may be disabled when it should be enabled, or enabled when it should be disabled. In either case, in the event of a crash that requires airbag deployment, a front passenger's level of injury may be increased.

The airbag status indicator displays the status of the airbag. Whenever the front passenger seat is occupied, you should always check the airbag indicator to see if the airbag is on or off as explained above and in the owner manual. If it is not correct for the



situation, you should move the person to a different seat,

**What will we do?**

Because a replacement leather seat cover that is compatible with the Passenger Sensing System is not available, General Motors will purchase your vehicle for the full price you paid for it (not exceeding the fair market value at the time you bought it), including taxes and fees, if the vehicle is returned to General Motors' possession by January 31, 2007. There will be no deductions for mileage or use unless the vehicle has sustained substantial damage beyond normal wear and tear.

Through January 31, 2007, General Motors will also pay for the removal of any aftermarket accessories that you may have installed before this notification and return them to you. If you no longer have a use for those accessories or they cannot be removed, General Motors will reimburse you for the purchase price of those accessories.

After January 31, 2007, your vehicle will be repurchased for your purchase price less a depreciation allowance of \$0.30 for each mile on the vehicle. Further reductions will be made if there is substantial damage beyond normal wear and tear.

**What should you do?**

To begin the process of repurchasing your vehicle, you should complete the enclosed form and contact General Motors at 1.877.477.1022. The representative will assist you throughout the process, including working with a GM dealer of your choice to purchase a new or used replacement GM vehicle, if you desire.

After contacting General Motors, you should begin to gather together copies of the vehicle title, the original sales agreement for the vehicle, and the sales receipts for any aftermarket accessories you may have installed. This will help reduce the processing time.

**Do you have questions?**

If you have questions or concerns, please contact General Motors at 1.877-477-1022. More information about this recall can be found at the Owner Center at MyGMLink, <http://www.gm.com/recall>

If after contacting General Motors you are still not satisfied we have done our best to repurchase your vehicle within a reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington DC 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1.888.327.4236 (TTY 1.800.424.9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

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