



July 30, 2007

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NVS-215paw 07V-328

Subject: SEAT BELT BUCKLE

Dear MR. NG:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

### Makes/Models/Model Years:

CHEVROLET/OPTRA/2006-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-328

Mfg's Report Date: July 19, 2007

**Components:** SEAT BELTS:FRONT:BUCKLE ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected: 78** 

# **Summary:**

CERTAIN VEHICLES LOCATED IN GUAM AND SAIPAN WERE BUILT WITH A SEAT BELT BUCKLE WITH AN IMPROPER ULTRASONIC WELD OF THE SPRING RIB AND FIXATION RIB OF BUCKLE UNDERCOVER IN BOTH FRONT SEAT BELTS. A SPRING RIB OR FIXATION RIB COULD BREAK AND REMAIN INSIDE THE BUCKLE, AND THE SEAT BELT TONGUE MAY NOT BE INSERTED INTO THE BUCKLE, OR THE PUSH BUTTON MAY BECOME STUCK, RESULTING IN AN OCCUPANT NOT BEING ABLE TO UNLATCH THE BUCKLE.

# **Consequence:**

THESE BUCKLE MALFUNCTIONS COULD PREVENT A PERSON FROM USING THE SEAT BELT SYSTEM, AND RISK OF INJURY TO AN UNBELTED PERSON IN A CRASH WOULD BE INCREASED.

#### Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE FRONT SEAT BELT BUCKLE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING NOVEMBER 2007.

#### **Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO <a href="http://www.safercar.gov">http://www.safercar.gov</a>.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to dealers and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at <a href="mailto:Patricia.wallace@dot.gov">Patricia.wallace@dot.gov</a>, or through the office email at <a href="mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov">RMD.ODI@dot.gov</a>. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

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