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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Smith:

The following information is an update of the 573.6(c)(2)(3)(4)(6) information in our April 20, 2006 (06V-126) and November 19, 2004 (04V-557) reports as it relates to a decision by General Motors to recall certain 2001 and 2002 Model Year (MY) Saab 9-3 vehicles for a fuel line retaining tab concern. This information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

In January 2007, GM reviewed warranty reports for all Saab vehicles and became aware of an increased number of incidents regarding fuel line retaining tab failures in the 2003 MY Saab 9-3 vehicles that were not included in previous recalls. Additionally, GM's review of the warranty data also identified an increase in number of warranty claims for the 2001 – 2002 MY Saab 9-5 vehicles. With the increasing number of warranty claims for both the Saab 9-3 and Saab 9-5 vehicles, GM has determined that the fuel line retaining tab failures may continue to increase in the 2000 – 2003 MY Saab 9-3 and 2001 – 2005 MY 9-5 vehicles. As referenced in the prior recalls, dealers will install a securing bracket that will secure the fuel lines to the fuel pump even if the plastic retaining tabs should break.

On February 23, 2007, General Motors Executive Field Action Decision Committee decided to expand the recall to include additional 2000 and 2003 MY Saab 9-3 vehicles and 2001 through 2005 MY Saab 9-5 vehicles. Saab plans to begin the safety recall expansion in April 2007. Draft copies of the retailer and owner communications will be forwarded to NHTSA when available. Please call me if you have any questions regarding the expansion of this safety recall.

Sincerely,

Gay P. Kent
Director
Product Investigations

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VEHICLES POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY MAKE, MODEL, AND MODEL YEAR
PLUS INCLUSIVE DATES OF MANUFACTURE

<u>MAKE</u>	<u>MODEL SERIES</u>	<u>MODEL YEAR</u>	<u>NUMBER INVOLVED</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE MANUFACTURING DATES (FROM) (TO)</u>		<u>DESCRIPTIVE INFO. TO PROPERLY IDENT. VEH.</u>	<u>EST. NO. W/CONDITION</u>
Saab	9-3 CV	2001	8,463	05/2000	07/2001	Convertible	* Unknown
Saab	9-3 3/5 d	2001	420	05/2000	06/2001	Hatchback	"
Saab	9-3 CV	2002	7,133	04/2001	07/2002	Convertible	"
Saab	9-3 3/5 d	2002	<u>1,378</u>	04/2001	06/2002	Hatchback	"
Original Total:			17,394				
Saab	9-3 3/5 d	2001	<u>11,886</u>	05/2000	06/2001	Hatchback	"
1 st Expansion Total:			11,886				
New Total:			29,280				
Saab	9-3 CV	2000	6,871	06/1999	07/2000	Convertible	*
Saab	9-5 3/5 d	2001	6,651	07/2000	05/2001	Estate	*
Saab	9-5 3/5 d	2001	15,995	07/2000	05/2001	Sedan	*
Saab	9-3 3/5 d	2002	10,793	05/2001	04/2002	C-Sedan	*
Saab	9-5 3/5 d	2002	3,631	07/2001	06/2002	Estate	*
Saab	9-5 3/5 d	2002	11,552	07/2001	06/2002	Sedan	*
Saab	9-3 CV	2003	7,662	05/2002	05/2003	Convertible	*
Saab	9-5 3/5 d	2003	3,727	06/2002	06/2003	Estate	*
Saab	9-5 3/5 d	2003	11,352	06/2002	06/2003	Sedan	*
Saab	9-5 3/5 d	2004	2,955	06/2003	07/2004	Estate	*
Saab	9-5 3/5 d	2004	7,050	06/2003	07/2004	Sedan	*
Saab	9-5 3/5 d	2005	1,681	06/2004	10/2005	Estate	*
Saab	9-5 3/5 d	2005	<u>4,457</u>	06/2004	10/2005	Sedan	*
2 nd Expansion Total:			94,377				
New Total:			123,657				

* All involved vehicles will be corrected.