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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE – Room W45-306
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Smith:

The following information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 as it applies to a determination by General Motors of a noncompliance involving certain 2007 model year Chevrolet Equinox and Pontiac Torrent vehicles.

573.6(c)(1): Chevrolet and Pontiac Brands of General Motors Corporation

573.6(c)(2)(3)(4): This information is shown on the attached sheet.

573.6(c)(5): General Motors has decided that certain 2007 model year Chevrolet Equinox and Pontiac Torrent vehicles manufactured prior to March 22, 2007 and not equipped with optional Roof Rail Air Bags or optional sunroof, fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 201, "Occupant Protection in Interior Impact." In tests, one of the interior occupant protection test points exceeded the Standard's requirement.

573.6(c)(7): GM's determination is based on:

On August 29, 2007, a NHTSA contractor conducted a series of impact tests on a 2007 Pontiac Torrent to audit compliance to the requirements of FMVSS 201 S6.2 (Upper Interior Head Impact). The vehicle tested was a 2007 Pontiac Torrent without Roof Rail Air Bags and without a sunroof. The result was above the FMVSS 201 requirement of 1,000.

On October 2, 2007, GM retested the Torrent at the AP1 impact location on the left and right sides. The HIC(d)s were 1,004 and 1,011 respectively.

The issue was presented to the Field Performance Evaluation Review Committee and on October 31, 2007, the Executive Field Action Decision Committee decided to conduct a noncompliance recall.

573.6(c)(8): Dealers are to install an energy-absorbing foam piece to each of the A-pillar trim assemblies.

Pursuant to 577.11(e), GM does not plan to provide notice about reimbursement to owners because this remedy was not previously known to or available from dealers or other service providers.

573.6(c)(9): GM will provide copies of the dealer bulletin and owner letter when available. Due to parts, GM anticipates sending the dealer bulletin and owner letters in January 2008.

Sincerely,



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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>
Chevrolet	L Truck	2007	41,514	05/2006	03/2007	Equinox	*
Pontiac	L Truck	2007	15,586	05/2006	03/2007	Torrent	"
	GM Total:		57,100				

* All involved vehicles will be inspected and corrected as necessary.

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