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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
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NVS-215kjs  
08E-063

**SUBJECT: INTERMEDIATE STEERING SHAFT/LOSS OF STEERING**

**DEAR MR. KNOBLAUCH:**

This letter serves to acknowledge Dorman Products, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the equipment described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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:**

DORMAN/STEERING SHAFT/9999  
NAPA/BALKAMP/9999  
PLATINUM/2425151/9999  
PLATINUM/2425152/9999  
PLATINUM/2425153/9999  
BUICK/REGAL/1999-2004  
CHEVROLET/CAVALIER/1995-2005  
CHEVROLET/IMPALA/2000-2005  
CHEVROLET/MONTE CARLO/2000-2005  
OLDSMOBILE/INTRIGUE/1998-2002  
PONTIAC/SUNFIRE/1995-2005

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 08E-063

**Mfg's Report Date:** October 16, 2008

**Components:** EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 3,855

**Summary:**

DORMAN PRODUCTS IS RECALLING 3,900 INTERMEDIATE STEERING SHAFTS DORMAN PART NOS. 425-151, 425-152, AND 425-153, (SOLD UNDER DORMAN'S "OE SOLUTIONS™" BRAND NAME), BALKAMP #'S 7-3057, 7-3058, 7-3059 (SOLD UNDER THE "NAPA™" BRAND NAME), AND PLATINUM PARTS #'S 2425151, 2425152, AND 2425153 MANUFACTURED DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2007. THESE REPLACEMENT STEERING SHAFTS CAN BE USED ON THE VEHICLES LISTED ABOVE. THE WELD CONNECTING THE INNER TUBE TO THE OUTER TUBE MAY BE DEFECTIVE.

**Consequence:**

IF THE WELD FAILS, LOSS OF STEERING COULD RESULT, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DORMAN WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPLACE THE STEERING SHAFTS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING OCTOBER 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DORMAN TOLL FREE AT 1-800-523-2492.

**Notes:**

THIS RECALL ONLY PERTAINS TO DORMAN'S OE SOLUTIONS BRAND NAME, BALKAMP'S NAPA BRAND, AND THE PLATINUM BRAND STEERING SHAFTS AND HAS NO RELATION TO ANY ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT INSTALLED ON VEHICLES MANUFACTURED BY GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have received Dorman's proposed owner notification letter and envelope and they meet the requirements of Part 577. 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).

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 contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at [Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov](mailto:Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

*Patricia Wallace*

*for* George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement