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Mr Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
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 2002-08 model year Saab 9-5 vehicles.

573.6(c)(1): Saab Automobile AB (Saab), a subsidiary of General Motors Corporation (the designated agent for Saab)

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

573.6(c)(5): General Motors has decided that certain 2002-08 model year Saab 9-5 vehicles fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 201, "Occupant Protection in Interior Impact." In a NHTSA compliance test, one of the upper interior occupant protection test points exceeded the Standard's requirement.

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

On February 20, 2008, the NHTSA performed a FMVSS 201U compliance test on a 2008 model year Saab 9-5. The result was above the FMVSS 201 requirement of 1,000 HIC (Head Injury Criteria)

The issue was presented to the Field Performance Evaluation Review Committee and on April 2, 2008, the Executive Field Action Decision Committee decided to conduct a noncompliance recall.

573.6(c)(8): Dealers are to install A-pillar trim with improved energy-absorbing capability.

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. Based on expected parts availability, GM anticipates sending the dealer bulletin and owner letters in September 2008.

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	9-5	2002	15,231	06/2001	06/2002	9-5	*
Saab	9-5	2003	15,103	02/2002	06/2003	9-5	"
Saab	9-5	2004	10,023	07/2003	06/2004	9-5	"
Saab	9-5	2005	6,164	04/2004	10/2005	9-5	"
Saab	9-5	2006	4,588	06/2005	07/2006	9-5	"
Saab	9-5	2007	4,084	07/2006	06/2007	9-5	"
Saab	9-5	2008	2,196	07/2007	02/2008	9-5	"
	GM Total:		57,389				

* All involved vehicles will be inspected and corrected as necessary

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