

May 5, 2008

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

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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 safety defect involving certain 2008 model year Saturn VUE vehicles, equipped with a 6T70 6 Speed (RPO MH2, MH4) auto transmission.

573.6(c)(1): Saturn Brand 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 a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2008 Saturn VUE vehicles, equipped with a 6T70 6-Speed (RPO MH2, MH4) transmission. Some of these vehicles may have a condition in which the transmission case may have a porosity issue near the side bore that holds the park pawl pivot pin. This condition, coupled with normal operating stresses, could lead to failure, eliminating the ability to secure the transmission in 'park' position.

573.6(c)(6): On April 4, 2008, the supplier notified GM of an error in transmission case casting. Engineering completed a Failure Effect Analysis which determined porosity will affect the park pawl pivot pin area. This coupled with normal operating stresses can lead to failure of the ability to engage the transmission into park.

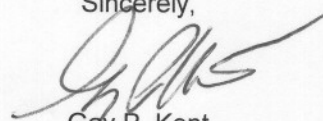
The issue was presented to the Field Performance Evaluation Review Committee and on April 30, 2008, the Executive Field Action Decision Committee decided to conduct a safety recall.

573.6(c)(8): Dealers are to replace the transmission.

Pursuant to 577.11(e), GM does not plan to provide notice about reimbursement to owners because all involved vehicles are covered under the new vehicle warranty.

573.6(c)(9): GM notified NHTSA by telephone of the decision on April 30, 2008. GM provided copies of the dealer bulletin and owner letter under separate cover. GM notified dealers on May 1, 2008 and will mail owner letters on May 5, 2008.

Sincerely,



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Director

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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>
Saturn	L Truck	2008	26	02/2008	03/2008	VUE	*
	GM Total:		26				

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

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