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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 safety defect involving certain 2008 model year Chevrolet Express and GMC Savana cutaway vehicles with a 139" wheel base.

573.6(c)(1): Chevrolet and GMC 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 a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2008 model year Chevrolet Express and GMC Savana cutaway vehicles with a 139" wheel base. On some of these vehicles, the frame rail on the driver's side may be wider than GM's specification. If the frame rail is wider than GM's specification, over time it may contact the fuel tank housing, resulting in a possible fuel leak.

573.6(c)(6): On February 20, 2008, the Director of Engineering from the up-fitter notified the General Motors Corporation Liaison Engineer that they had received a cutaway vehicle where a portion of the driver side frame rail had been reworked by grinding the frame rail near the fuel filler hose.

After an investigation, the root cause for the extended flange has been traced back to 3 coils of steel received at the Tier I Supplier on December 4 and December 6, 2007. The coils of steel were wider (377.5 mm) than the typical coil of steel which was 361.2 mm.

From March 12, 2008 through June 12, 2008, investigation, containment at bodybuilders, and determination of potential effect of clearance reduction was completed.

The issue was presented to the Field Performance Evaluation Review Committee and on June 27, 2008, the Executive Field Action Decision Committee decided to conduct a safety recall.

573.6(c)(8): Dealers will inspect the clearance between the frame rail and fuel tank housing. If there is sufficient clearance, no further action is required. If the clearance is not sufficient, dealers will rework the frame rail.

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.

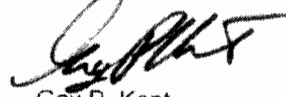
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573.6(c)(9): GM will provide a copy of the dealer bulletin and owner letter when available. GM anticipates sending the dealer bulletin on July 23, 2008 and mail owner letters on July 30, 2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gay P. Kent", written over a horizontal line.

Gay P. Kent
Director
Product Investigations

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Attachment

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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</u>		<u>DESCRIPTIVE INFO. TO PROPERLY IDENT. VEH.</u>	<u>EST. NO. W/CONDITION</u>
				<u>(FROM)</u>	<u>(TO)</u>		
Chevrolet	G Van	2008	374	01/2008	02/2008	Express	*
GMC	G Van	2008	193	01/2008	02/2008	Savana	"
GM Total:			567				71

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

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