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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 vehicles.

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 model vehicles, equipped with All Wheel Drive (AWD). Some of these vehicles have transfer cases that were manufactured with an incorrect part that can cause early failure of a drive chain. If the chain breaks, shifting the transmission to Park may not keep the vehicle stationary.

Breakage of the chain will cause a loud noise and result in a delayed response when the driver shifts into a drive gear and press the accelerator.

573.6(c)(6): On July 16, 2008, Borg Warner discovered a misbuilt transfer case and notified General Motors.

The issue was assigned to a Product Investigations Engineer to evaluate and determine the effect of the condition.

The issue was presented to the Field Performance Evaluation Review Committee and on July 25, 2008, the Executive Field Action Decision Committee decided to conduct a safety recall.

573.6(c)(8): Dealers are to inspect the transfer case date code and, if necessary, replace the transfer case.

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 provided a copy of the dealer bulletin and owner letter under separate cover. GM will notify dealers today July 28, 2008 and anticipates the owner letters to be mailed August 15, 2008.

Sincerely,

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 (FROM) (TO)</u>		<u>DESCRIPTIVE INFO. TO PROPERLY IDENT. VEH.</u>	<u>EST. NO. W/CONDITION</u>
Chevrolet	G Van	2008	137	06/2008	7/2008	Express	81
GMC	G Van	2008	14	06/2008	7/2008	Savana	8
	GM Total:		151				

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