



September 16, 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 2008-09 model year Saturn VUE vehicles with LY7 engines built prior to July 22, 2008.

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 2008-2009 model year Saturn VUE vehicles. Some of these vehicles have a condition in which the nut securing the power steering line to the power steering pump may loosen. If this were to occur, there may be a power steering fluid leak.

573.6(c)(6): On August 29, 2008, GM Product Investigations became aware of four reports of fires due to loose power steering pressure line tube nuts allowing fluid to contact the exhaust system.

After investigation, GM determined that the power steering pressure line tube nuts were coming loose due to a non-robust torque specification. This specification could result in a tube nut being below the design torque if the power steering lines were manipulated during the vehicle assembly process.

The issue was presented to the Field Performance Evaluation Review Committee and on September 11, 2008, the Executive Field Action Decision Committee decided to conduct a safety recall.

573.6(c)(8): Retailers are to inspect the nut securing the power steering line to the power steering pump. If there are no signs of a fluid leak, retailers are to tighten the nut. If a fluid leak is present, retailers are to tighten the nut and check the fluid level.

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 phone on September 11, 2008 of this issue and provided a copy of the recall bulletin and owner letter. GM sent the recall bulletin on September 11, 2008. GM plans to mail the owner letter on September 26, 2008.

Sincerely,

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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>
Saturn	L	2008	42,385	02/2007	07/2008	VUE	*
Saturn	L	2009	23	06/2008	07/2008	VUE	'
GM Total:			42,408				

* All involved vehicles will be corrected as necessary.

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