



October 3, 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 2009 model year Chevrolet Impala vehicles.

573.6(c)(1): Chevrolet 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 2009 model year Chevrolet Impala vehicles. Some of these vehicles have a passenger-side front air bag inflator that could fracture at an inflator tube during a deployment. During a passenger-side air bag deployment, pieces of the inflator tube could strike and injure vehicle occupants and the airbag cushion would not inflate fully, reducing the capability of the bag to protect the passenger.

573.6(c)(6): GM was notified that on September 20, 2008, during an ambient Lot Acceptance Test (LAT) at the supplier plant, an anomaly occurred resulting in a broken inflator tube. Post deployment teardown analysis revealed that two secondary inflator filter discs were present in the inflator instead of one as specified. The two discs caused a gas flow blockage, which broke the inflator tube.

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

573.6(c)(8): Dealers are to install a new passenger-side front airbag.

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): The dealer bulletin and owner letter will be provided under separate cover. The dealer bulletin will be sent October 6, 2008 and owner letters will be mailed mid October 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>
Chevrolet	W	2009	79	07/2008	09/2008	Impala	*
	GM Total:		79				

* All involved vehicles will be corrected as necessary.

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