



November 24, 2008

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE – Room W45-306  
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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 recall involving certain 2009 model year Saturn VUE vehicles.

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 2009 model year Saturn VUE vehicles. Some of these vehicles may have been built with an incorrect right and/or left front steering knuckle. As a result of the incorrect knuckle and resulting inadequate clearance, the tie rod ball stud could pull out of, or fracture the tie rod housing. This could cause the tie rod to separate from the knuckle. Although steering control of the vehicle could be maintained after a tie rod separation by the unaffected wheel on smooth roads or during light braking, with more significant suspension or braking inputs, the affected wheel could turn out and skid. If a vehicle built with two incorrect steering knuckles had both tie rods separate at the same time, steering control of the vehicle would be lost.

573.6(c)(6): On November 8, 2008, Ramos plant quality director informed the Field Performance Evaluation director of the incorrect build.

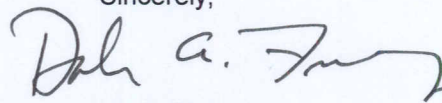
The issue was presented to the Field Performance Evaluation Review Committee and on November 19, 2008 the Executive Field Action Decision Committee decided to conduct a safety recall.

573.6(c)(8): Dealers will inspect the steering knuckles, and if necessary, replace the steering knuckle(s) and tie rod(s).

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 were previously provided under separate cover. The dealer bulletin was sent November 21, 2008 and owner letters will be mailed December 8, 2008.

Sincerely,

  
For Gay P. Kent  
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	2009	2,149	10/13/2008	10/20/2008	VUE	5.7%
	GM Total:		2,149				

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