



May 27, 2009

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Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
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Dear Mr. Smith:

The following information is an update of the information in our March 10, 2009 letter as it relates to a determination by General Motors of a noncompliance involving certain 2009 model year Buick Enclave; Chevrolet Cobalt, HHR, Malibu and Traverse; GMC Acadia; Pontiac G5 and G6; and Saturn AURA and OUTLOOK vehicles. This information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 573.7.

GM is amending its March 10, 2009 letter for two reasons. First, to include certain 2009 model year Chevrolet Malibu; Pontiac G6; and Saturn AURA vehicles not included in the original recall. Dealers will be instructed to inspect the shift cable end fitting tabs and secure the tabs with a retainer, if the tabs are fractured, the shift cable will be replaced. Second, a subset of the original March 10, 2009 population equipped with 4-speed transmissions (Chevrolet Malibu; Pontiac G6; and Saturn AURA) requires the dealer to also inspect the shift cable end fitting tabs and secure the tabs with a retainer.

573.6(c)(2)(3)(4): This information is shown on the attached sheet.

573.6(c)(5): General Motors has decided that certain 2009 model year Buick Enclave; Chevrolet Cobalt, HHR, Malibu, Traverse; GMC Acadia; Pontiac G5, G6; and Saturn AURA and OUTLOOK vehicles fail to conform to Federal/Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 102, "Transmission Shift Position Sequence, Starter Interlock, and Transmission Braking Effect", and Standard 114, "Theft Protection and Rollaway Prevention". On some of these vehicles, the transmission shift cable adjustment clip may not be fully engaged and/or the end fitting tabs may be fractured. If the clip is not fully engaged or the tabs are fractured, the shift lever and the actual position of the transmission gear may not match. With this condition, the driver could move the shifter to PARK and remove the ignition key, but the transmission gear may not be in PARK. The driver may not be able to restart the vehicle and the vehicle could roll away after the driver has exited the vehicle.

573.6(c)(7): In early February 2009, GM received shift cables from warranty parts return for Chevrolet Malibu and Pontiac G6 vehicles with four speed transmissions that had fractured end fitting tabs. The fractures occurred on the end fitting that secures on top of the transmission. The fractured tabs cause the shift cable to grow in length and results in the same effect on vehicle performance as the adjustment clip issue covered in the original 573 letter. On February 26, 2009 GM Supplier Quality Engineers discovered regrind material was being used in the manufacturing of the parts that had fractured in the field. On April 7, 2009, a Red X study was able to determine the influence of regrind material on end fitting strength. Warranty data was reviewed March through April 2009 to understand the scope of the issue.

The issue was presented to the Field Performance Evaluation Review Committee and on May 20, 2009, the Executive Field Action Decision Committee decided to conduct a noncompliance recall.

573.6(c)(8): Dealers are to inspect and ensure that the shift cable adjustment clip is fully engaged and inspect the end fitting tabs and secure the end fitting with a retainer. In the event that the clip does not engage or if the tabs are fractured, the shift cable must be replaced.

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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): Recall bulletin 09041 will be revised to include installing a retainer for the Malibu, G6, and Aura vehicles equipped with a 4-speed transmission that were not previously included in the recall and to cover 4-speed vehicles not yet repaired. It is anticipated that the revised dealer bulletin will be sent June 15, 2009 and owner letters will be sent to the additional population of the recall early July 2009.

For GM to properly process and handle dealer payment on the vehicles that were previously repaired under recall 09041 GM will issue a new recall, bulletin 09077, which will include the service procedure to install a retainer. It is anticipated that dealer bulletin 09077 will be sent July 17, 2009 and the mailing of the owner letters to customers late July 2009.

Sincerely,



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Director

Product Investigations

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Attachment

573.6(c)(2),(3),(4)

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>(FROM) (TO)</u>		<u>DESCRIPTIVE INFO. TO PROPERLY IDENT. VEH.</u>	<u>EST. NO. W/CONDITION</u>
Buick	R/V	2009	16,191	04/2008	12/2008	Enclave	*
Chevrolet	A	2009	49,755	04/2008	12/2008	Cobalt	"
Chevrolet	A	2009	28,588	04/2008	12/2008	HHR	"
Chevrolet	Z	2009	59,941	04/2008	12/2008	Malibu	"
Chevrolet	R/V	2009	30,875	06/2008	12/2008	Traverse	"
GMC	R/V	2009	26,670	04/2008	12/2008	Acadia	"
Pontiac	A	2009	7,401	05/2008	12/2008	G5	"
Pontiac	Z	2009	33,043	04/2008	12/2008	G6	"
Saturn	Z	2009	17,130	04/2008	12/2008	AURA	"
Saturn	R/V	2009	7,135	04/2008	12/2008	OUTLOOK	"
GM Total:			276,729				
Additional Population							
Chevrolet	Z	2009	49,271	06/2008	03/2009	Malibu	"
Pontiac	Z	2009	52,356	06/2008	03/2009	G6	"
Saturn	Z	2009	115	06/2008	03/2009	AURA	"
GM Total:			101,742				

* All involved vehicles will be corrected as necessary.