

# **Recall Bulletin**



# **PRODUCT SAFETY RECALL**

# SUBJECT: Brake Lamps Not Working Properly

MODELS: 2005-2006 Pontiac G6

## CONDITION

General Motors has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in **certain** 2005-2006 model year Pontiac G6 vehicles. Some of these vehicles have a condition where the brake lamps may not operate properly because of fretting corrosion in a wiring connector. Fretting corrosion in the connector could cause the brake lamps to illuminate when the brake pedal has not been depressed, or the lamps may not engage, or greater brake pedal force may be required to shift the vehicle out of PARK. Brake lamps that are not operating properly may not warn a driver in a following vehicle of the braking status and could lead to a crash without prior warning.

#### CORRECTION

Dealers are to apply a dielectric lubricant to the connector to repair and prevent fretting corrosion.

#### VEHICLES INVOLVED

Involved are **certain** 2005-2006 model year Pontiac G6 vehicles built within these VIN breakpoints:

Year	Division	Model	From	Through
2005	Pontiac	G6	54151522	54160855
2006	Pontiac	G6	64100001	64100093

Important: Dealers are to confirm vehicle eligibility prior to beginning repairs by using the GM Vehicle Inquiry System (GMVIS). Not all vehicles within the above breakpoints may be involved.

For dealers with involved vehicles, a listing with involved vehicles containing the complete vehicle identification number, customer name, and address information has been prepared and will be provided through the GM GlobalConnect Recall Reports. Dealers will not have a report available if they have no involved vehicles currently assigned.

#### CUSTOMER REIMBURSEMENT - For US

All customer requests for reimbursement of previously paid repairs for the recall condition will be handled by the Customer Assistance Center, not by dealers.

A General Motors Customer Reimbursement Procedure and Claim Form is included with the customer letter.

**IMPORTANT**: (For GM US Only) Refer to the GM Service Policies and Procedures Manual, section 6.1.12, for specific procedures regarding customer reimbursement and the form.

## CUSTOMER REIMBURSEMENT – For Canada

Customer requests for reimbursement of previously paid repairs for the recall condition are to be submitted to the dealer by February 28, 2010.

All reasonable customer paid receipts should be considered for reimbursement. The amount to be reimbursed will be limited to the amount the repair would have cost if completed by an authorized General Motors dealer.

When a customer requests reimbursement, they must provide the following:

- Proof of ownership at time of repair.
- Original paid receipt confirming the amount of repair expense(s) that were not reimbursed, a description of the repair, and the person or entity performing the repair.

Claims for customer reimbursement on previously paid repairs are to be submitted as required by WINS.

**IMPORTANT**: Refer to the GM Service Policies and Procedures Manual, section 6.1.12, for specific procedures regarding customer reimbursement verification.

#### COURTESY TRANSPORTATION

The General Motors Courtesy Transportation program is intended to minimize customer inconvenience when a vehicle requires a repair that is covered by the New Vehicle Limited Warranties. The availability of courtesy transportation to customers whose vehicles are within the warranty coverage period and involved in a product program is very important in maintaining customer satisfaction. Dealers are to ensure that these customers understand that shuttle service or some other form of courtesy transportation is available and will be provided at no charge. Dealers should refer to the General Motors Service Policies and Procedures Manual for Courtesy Transportation guidelines.

#### **CLAIM INFORMATION**

Repair Performed	Part Count	Part No.	Parts Allow	CC_FC	Labor Op	Labor Hours	Net Item
Apply Dielectric Lubricant to C2 Connector	0	N/A	N/A	MA-96	V2044	0.2	*
Courtesy Transportation for vehicles within the New Vehicle Limited Warranties (US & Canadian GM Dealers)	N/A	N/A	N/A	MA-96	**	N/A	***
Customer Reimbursement (Canadian Dealers/US CAC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	MA-96	V2045	0.2	****

Submit a Product Recall Claim with the information indicated below:

- \* The amount identified in the "Net Item" column should represent the actual sum total of the current GMSPO Dealer net price for the dielectric lubricant needed to perform the required repairs, not to exceed \$0.33 USD, \$0.40 CAD, plus applicable Mark-Up.
- \*\* Submit courtesy transportation using normal labor operations for courtesy transportation as indicated in the GM Service Policies and Procedures Manual for vehicles within the New Vehicle Limited Warranties.
- \*\*\* The amount identified in the "Net Item" column should represent the actual dollar amount for courtesy transportation.
- \*\*\*\* The amount identified in the "Net Item" column should represent the dollar amount reimbursed to the customer.

Refer to the General Motors WINS Claims Processing Manual for details on Product Recall Claim Submission.

#### CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

General Motors will notify customers of this recall on their vehicle (see copy of customer letter included with this bulletin).

DEALER RECALL RESPONSIBILITY - For US (US States, Territories, and Possessions)

The US National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act provides that each vehicle that is subject to a recall of this type must be adequately repaired within a reasonable time after the customer has tendered it for repair. A failure to repair within sixty days after tender of a vehicle is prima facie evidence of failure to repair within a reasonable time. If the condition is not adequately repaired within a reasonable time, the customer may be entitled to an identical or reasonably equivalent vehicle at no charge or to a refund of the purchase price less a reasonable allowance for depreciation. To avoid having to provide these burdensome remedies, every effort must be made to promptly schedule an appointment with each customer and to repair their vehicle as soon as possible. In the recall notification letters, customers are told how to contact the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration if the recall is not completed within a reasonable time.

#### DEALER RECALL RESPONSIBILITY - All

All unsold new vehicles in dealers' possession and subject to this recall <u>must</u> be held and inspected/repaired per the service procedure of this recall bulletin <u>before</u> customers take possession of these vehicles.

Dealers are to service all vehicles subject to this recall at no charge to customers, regardless of mileage, age of vehicle, or ownership, from this time forward.

Customers who have recently purchased vehicles sold from your vehicle inventory, and for which there is no customer information indicated on the dealer listing, are to be contacted by the dealer. Arrangements are to be made to make the required correction according to the instructions contained in this bulletin. A copy of the customer letter is provided in this bulletin for your use in contacting customers. Recall follow-up cards should not be used for this purpose, since the customer may not as yet have received the notification letter.

In summary, whenever a vehicle subject to this recall enters your vehicle inventory, or is in your dealership for service in the future, you must take the steps necessary to be sure the recall correction has been made before selling or releasing the vehicle.

GM bulletins are intended for use by professional technicians, NOT a "do-it-yourselfer". They are written to inform these technicians of conditions that may occur on some vehicles, or to provide information that could assist in the proper service of a vehicle. Properly trained technicians have the tools, equipment, safety instructions, and know-how to do a job properly and safely. If a condition is described, <u>DO NOT</u> assume that the bulletin applies to your vehicle, or that your vehicle will have that condition. See your dealer/retailer for information on whether your vehicle may benefit from the intermation.



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Dear General Motors Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

General Motors has decided that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2005 and 2006 model year Pontiac G6 vehicles. As a result, GM is conducting a safety recall. We apologize for this inconvenience. However, we are concerned about your safety and continued satisfaction with our products.

	<ul> <li>IMPORTANT</li> <li>Your vehicle is involved in safety recall 08317.</li> <li>Schedule an appointment with your GM dealer.</li> <li>This service will be performed for you at no charge.</li> </ul>				
Why is your vehicle being recalled?	The brake lamps on your vehicle may not operate properly because of fretting corrosion in a wiring connector. Fretting corrosion in the connector could cause the brake lamps to illuminate when the brake pedal has not been depressed, or the lamps may not illuminate when the brake pedal is depressed. In addition, the cruise control may not engage, or greater brake pedal force may be required to shift the vehicle out of PARK. Brake lamps that are not operating properly may not warn a driver in a following vehicle of the braking status and could lead to a crash without prior warning.				
What will we do?	Your GM dealer will apply a dielectric lubricant to the connector to repair and prevent fretting corrosion. This service will be performed for you at <b>no charge</b> . Because of service scheduling requirements, it is likely that your dealer will need your vehicle longer than the actual service correction time of approximately 15 minutes.				
What should you do?	You should contact your GM dealer to arrange a service appointment as soon as possible. Bring the enclosed customer reply form with you when you visit your dealer. The form identifies the repairs required. If you no longer own this vehicle, please let us know by completing the form and mailing it back to us.				
Did you already pay for this repair?	The enclosed form explains what reimbursement is available and how to request reimbursement if you have paid for repairs for the recall condition. Even though you may have already had this condition corrected, you will still need to take your vehicle to your dealer for the dielectric lubrication.				
Do you have questions?	If you have questions or concerns that your dealer is unable to resolve, please contact the appropriate Customer Assistance Center at the number listed below. More information about your vehicle can				

be found at the Owner Center at www.gmownercenter.com.

Division	Number	Text Telephones (TTY)
Pontiac	1-800-620-7668	1-800-833-7668
Guam	1-671-648-8450	
Puerto Rico – English	1-800-496-9992	
Puerto Rico – Español	1-800-496-9993	
Virgin Islands	1-800-496-9994	

If after contacting your dealer and the Customer Assistance Center, you are still not satisfied we have done our best to remedy this condition without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington DC 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1.888.327.4236 (TTY 1.800.424.9153), or go to http://www.safercar.gov.

Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Scott Lawson Director, Customer and Relationship Services

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