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# Recall Bulletin



## PRODUCT SAFETY RECALL

**SUBJECT:** Engine Compartment Fire

**MODELS:** 1997-2003 Buick Regal  
1998-1999 Chevrolet Lumina  
1998-2003 Chevrolet Monte Carlo  
2000-2003 Chevrolet Impala  
1998-1999 Oldsmobile Intrigue  
1997-2003 Pontiac Grand Prix  
Equipped with 3.8L V6 Naturally Aspirated Engine (RPO L36 – VIN K)

### CONDITION

General Motors has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in **certain** 1997-2003 model year Buick Regal and Pontiac Grand Prix, 1998-1999 model year Chevrolet Lumina and Oldsmobile Intrigue, 1998-2003 model year Chevrolet Monte Carlo, and 2000-2003 model year Chevrolet Impala model vehicles, equipped with a 3.8L V6 naturally aspirated engine (RPO L36 – VIN K). Some of these vehicles have a condition in which drops of engine oil may be deposited on the exhaust manifold through hard braking. In rare cases, if this condition occurs, and if a hot surface ignition source were present, an engine compartment fire could occur.

### CORRECTION

Dealers are to remove the 1-3-5 spark plug wire retention channel at the front of engine and replace it with new retainers.

### VEHICLES INVOLVED

Involved are **certain** 1997-2003 model year Buick Regal and Pontiac Grand Prix, 1998-1999 model year Chevrolet Lumina and Oldsmobile Intrigue, 1998-2003 model year Chevrolet Monte Carlo, and 2000-2003 model year Chevrolet Impala model vehicles, equipped with a 3.8L V6 naturally aspirated engine (RPO L36 – VIN K), and built within these VIN breakpoints:

Year	Division	Model	From	Through
1997	Buick	Regal	V1400016	V1482810
1998	Buick	Regal	W1400005	W1614356
1999	Buick	Regal	X1400005	X1637860
2000	Buick	Regal	Y1100004	Y1360467
2001	Buick	Regal	11100004	11338085

Year	Division	Model	From	Through
2002	Buick	Regal	21100001	21301745
2003	Buick	Regal	31100001	31299522
2000	Chevrolet	Impala	Y9100001	Y9385472
2001	Chevrolet	Impala	19100001	19378249
2002	Chevrolet	Impala	29100002	29391929
2003	Chevrolet	Impala	39100002	39455173
1998	Chevrolet	Lumina	W9100001	W9337592
1999	Chevrolet	Lumina	X9100004	X9267154
1998	Chevrolet	Monte Carlo	W9100004	W9337590
1999	Chevrolet	Monte Carlo	X9100003	X9288589
2000	Chevrolet	Monte Carlo	Y9100297	Y9385464
2001	Chevrolet	Monte Carlo	19100004	19378234
2002	Chevrolet	Monte Carlo	29100018	29391931
2003	Chevrolet	Monte Carlo	39100018	39455171
1998	Oldsmobile	Intrigue	WF300001	WF407668
1999	Oldsmobile	Intrigue	XF300090	XF351930
1997	Pontiac	Grand Prix	VF200005	VF359118
1998	Pontiac	Grand Prix	WF200001	WF342337
1999	Pontiac	Grand Prix	XF200002	XF355310
2000	Pontiac	Grand Prix	YF100033	YF353313
2001	Pontiac	Grand Prix	1F100004	1F275188
2002	Pontiac	Grand Prix	2F100016	2F293267
2003	Pontiac	Grand Prix	3F100002	3F181300

**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 applicable system listed below. Dealers will not have a report available if they have no involved vehicles currently assigned.

- US and Canadian dealers - GM GlobalConnect Recall Reports
- Export dealers - sent directly to dealers

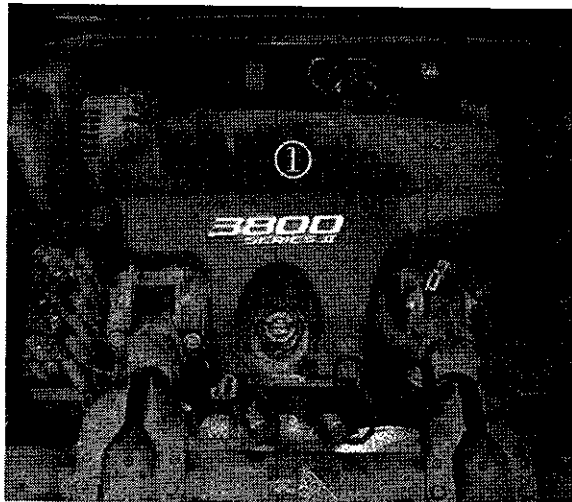
The listing may contain customer names and addresses obtained from Motor Vehicle Registration Records. The use of such motor vehicle registration data for any purpose other than follow-up necessary to complete this recall is a violation of law in several states/provinces/countries. Accordingly, you are urged to limit the use of this report to the follow-up necessary to complete this recall.

## PARTS INFORMATION

Parts required to complete this recall are to be obtained from General Motors Service and Parts Operations (GMSPO). Please refer to your "involved vehicles listing" before ordering parts. Normal orders should be placed on a DRO = Daily Replenishment Order. In an emergency situation, parts should be ordered on a CSO = Customer Special Order.

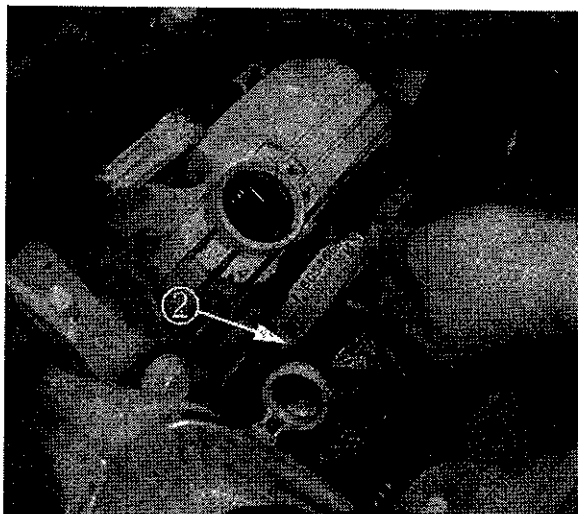
Part Number	Description	Quantity/Vehicle
88891792	Retainer, Splg Wire (4-wire, 7mm)	1
12132229	Retainer, Splg Wire (2-wire, 7mm)	1

## SERVICE PROCEDURE



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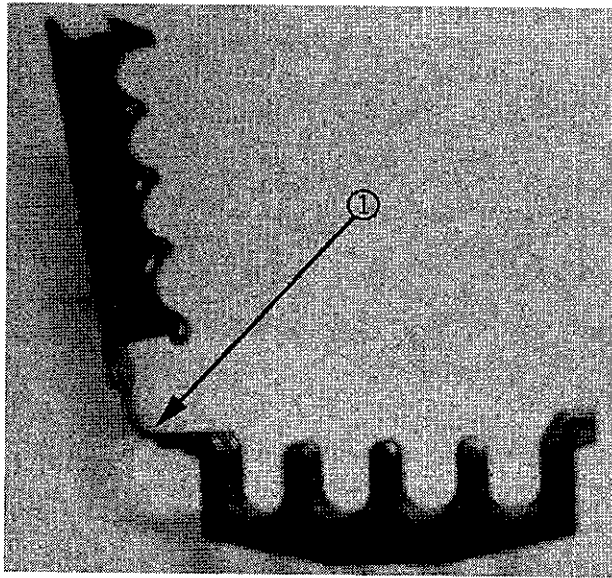
1. Remove the fuel injector sight shield (1). Refer to *Fuel Injector Sight Shield Replacement* in SI.



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**Important:** It is not necessary to remove the spark plug wires from the spark plugs.

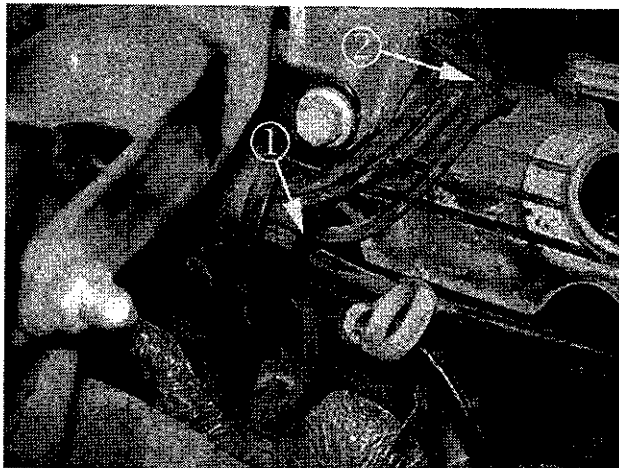
2. Remove the 1-3-5 spark plug plastic retaining channel (cover) clip/bracket (2) from the engine and discard it.



7mm Four-Wire Retainer, P/N 88891792

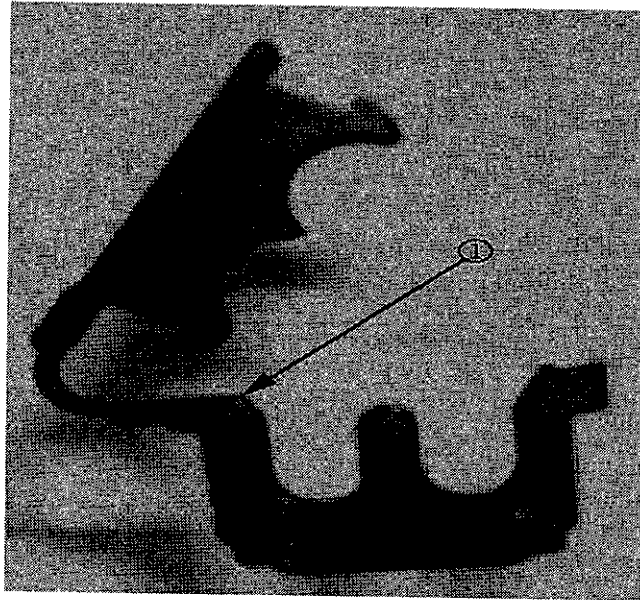
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**Important:** If a 7mm four-wire retainer is not available, use a 8 mm four-wire retainer (1), P/N 14066248 (qty 10/pack), or equivalent 7mm aftermarket spark plug wire retainer.



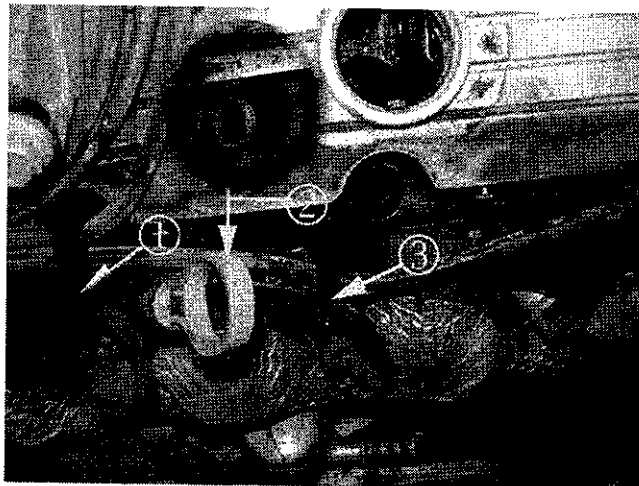
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3. Install a 7 mm four-wire retainer, P/N 88891792 (1) (qty 5/pack) to spark plug wire number 4, then to spark plug wires 1, 3 and 5. Save the other 7 mm or 8 mm spark plug four-wire retainers for future repairs. Make sure that spark plug wires 2, 4 and 6 are secured to the original retainers and under the left engine mount strut bracket (2).



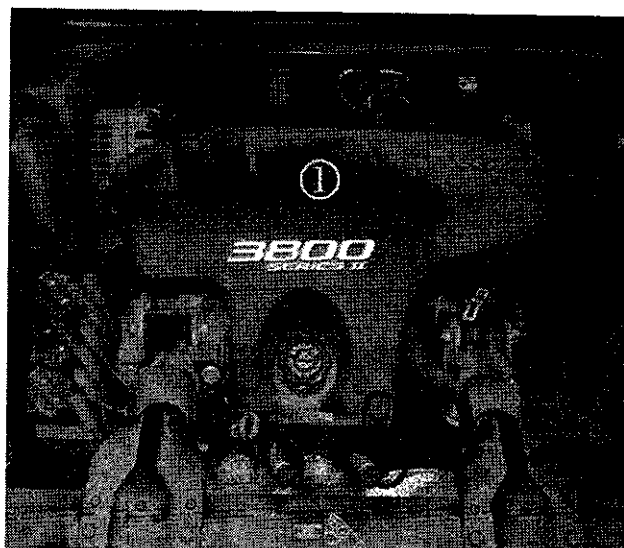
7mm Two-Wire Retainer, P/N 12132229

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4. Install a 7 mm two-wire retainer, P/N 12132229 (Qty 10/pack) to spark plug wires 3 and 5 only (3). Save the other 7mm spark plug two-wire retainers for future repairs. Make sure the spark plug retainer (3) is approximately 50 mm (2 in) from the oil level indicator (2).



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**Important:** Ensure the installed spark plug wire retainers do not contact the fuel injector sight shield or exhaust manifold.

5. Install the fuel injector sight shield (1). Refer to *Fuel Injector Sight Shield Replacement* in SI.

#### CLAIM INFORMATION

Submit a Product Recall Claim with the information indicated below:

Repair Performed	Part Count	Part No.	Parts Allow	CC_FC	Labor Op	Labor Hours	Net Item
Install Spark Plug Retainers	2	---	*	MA-96	V2066	0.2	N/A

- \* The "Parts Allowance" should be the sum total of the current GMSPO Dealer net price plus applicable Mark-Up or Landed Cost Mark-Up (for Export) for the spark plug wire retainers needed to complete the repair.

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

#### CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION – For US and Canada

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

#### CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION – For Export

Letters will be sent to known owners of record located within areas covered by the US National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. For owners outside these areas, dealers should notify customers using the attached sample letter.

**DEALER RECALL RESPONSIBILITY** – For US and Export (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 must be held and inspected/repaired per the service procedure of this recall bulletin before 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.