

January 6, 2011

Mr. Claude Harris
Acting Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE – Room W45-306
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Harris:

This revised 573 letter for 10V-643 (GM 10426), is being submitted to update the information shown in sections 573.6(c)(2)(3)(4), 573.6(c)(5) and 573.6(c)(8) in the 573 letter dated December 17, 2010.

GM has added an additional 26,751 trucks to this recall which expanded the vehicle involvement to include certain 2011 model year Cadillac Escalade, Escalade ESV, Escalade EXT; Chevrolet Avalanche, Colorado, Silverado, Suburban, Tahoe; and GMC Canyon, Sierra, Yukon and Yukon XL vehicles.

GM continued its investigation into this issue and became aware of an additional population of axles shipped to assembly plants that may include cross pins that weren't properly heat treated. The vehicle population was further expanded when GM discovered there were suspect cross pins that were not identified through an inspection process.

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 2011 model year Cadillac Escalade, Escalade ESV, Escalade EXT; Chevrolet Avalanche, Colorado, Silverado, Suburban, Tahoe; and GMC Canyon, Sierra, Yukon, Yukon and Yukon XL vehicles. Some of these vehicles have a condition in which the rear axle cross pin was not manufactured to specification. The pin may have been improperly heat treated and could fracture and become displaced within the rear axle. If this were to occur, the driver may hear a banging noise coming from the axle. If the pin shifts out of position, it could create an interference condition and cause the rear axle to lock. The driver may not be able to maintain directional control of the vehicle and a crash could occur without prior warning.

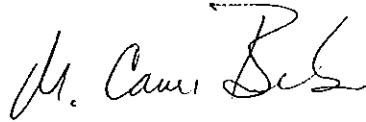
573.6(c)(8): Dealers are to inspect and, if necessary, install a new rear axle cross pin.



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GM anticipates mailing owner letters on January 11, 2011 to the owners of the original population and on January 25, 2011 to all other owners. Prior to the owner letter mailings, GM is continuing to contact all customers by other means.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Carmen Benavides".

M. Carmen Benavides
Director, Product Investigations
and Safety Regulations

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Attachment

VEHICLES POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY MAKE, MODEL, AND MODEL YEAR
PLUS INCLUSIVE DATES OF MANUFACTURE

MAKE	MODEL SERIES	MODEL YEAR	NUMBER INVOLVED	INCLUSIVE MANUFACTURING DATES		DESCRIPTIVE INFO. TO PROPERLY IDENT. VEH.	EST. NO. W/CONDITION
				(FROM)	(TO)		
Cadillac	C/K	2011	354	12/03/2010	01/03/2011	Escalade	*
	C/K	2011	247	12/03/2010	01/03/2011	Escalade ESV	"
	C/K	2011	74	11/26/2010	12/21/2010	Escalade EXT	"
Chevrolet	C/K	2011	842	11/18/2010	12/20/2010	Avalanche	"
	S/T	2011	127	12/01/2010	01/03/2011	Colorado	"
	C/K	2011	13,262	11/18/2010	01/03/2011	Silverado LD	"
	C/K	2011	1,898	11/30/2010	01/03/2011	Suburban	"
	C/K	2011	2,482	11/30/2010	01/03/2011	Tahoe	"
GMC	S/T	2011	38	12/02/2010	01/03/2011	Canyon	"
	C/K	2011	5,012	11/19/2010	12/23/2010	Sierra LD	"
	C/K	2011	1,165	11/30/2010	01/03/2011	Yukon	"
	C/K	2011	1,250	11/30/2010	01/03/2011	Yukon XL	"
GM Total:			26,751				

* All involved vehicles will be corrected as necessary.

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