

June 26, 2012

Ms. Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE – Room W45-306
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. Lewis:

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 noncompliance involving certain 2012 model year Chevrolet Captiva Sport vehicles.

573.6(c)(1): Chevrolet Brand of General Motors Company

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

573.6(c)(5): General Motors has decided that certain 2012 model year Chevrolet Captiva Sport vehicles fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 135 for park brake performance on a 20% grade. The park brake cable on these vehicles may not be fully seated in its connector and may separate from the connector. If this occurs, the park brake will be inoperative and will not hold the vehicle. If the vehicle is on an uneven surface, this could result in unintended vehicle movement and a crash. This condition does not affect normal service braking.

573.6(c)(7): On May 17, 2012, the condition was discovered at Ramos Assembly while a vehicle was being processed through the wheel alignment process. Following the discovery, a yard hold was placed on vehicles at Ramos. Vehicles were inspected at Ramos, other VDC's and the shipping port. A total of 15 vehicles were found with separated park brake cable.

On May 29, 2012, a GM Product Investigations engineer was assigned to investigate. The suspect population is coincident with a design change that was made to the connector which was breakpointed at Ramos Assembly on April 26, 2012. The design change added two tab's on the "bottom" side of the connector to retain the end fitting located on the end of the park brake cable in the connector. Prior to the design change which added the tabs, the production process used electrical tape which was wrapped around the connector to retain the park brake cables in the connector.



The issue was presented to the Field Performance Evaluation Review Committee and on June 19, 2012, the Executive Field Action Decision Committee decided to conduct a noncompliance recall.

573.6(c)(8): Dealers are to inspect and ensure that the park brake cables are connected and secure.

GM anticipates sending the dealer bulletin on June 26, 2012 and mailing owner letters on July 18, 2012.

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)(10): GM will provide copies of the dealer bulletin and owner letter under separate cover.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Carmen Benavides". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "M." and last name "Benavides" clearly distinguishable.

M. Carmen Benavides, Director
Product Investigations and Safety Regulations

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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 (FROM) (TO)</u>		<u>DESCRIPTIVE INFO. TO PROPERLY IDENT. VEH.</u>	<u>EST. NO. W/CONDITION</u>
Chevrolet	L	2012	2,070	04/26/2012	05/17/2012	Captiva	*
	GM Total:		2,070				

* All involved vehicles will be corrected as necessary.

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