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

Dear Ms. Lewis:

The following information is submitted in accordance with the defect reporting regulations in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 573.

1. Name of Manufacturer and Importers

Manufacturer: General Motors Korea (GMK)

Importers:

Continental U.S. - American Suzuki Motor Corporation
Puerto Rico - Suzuki Del Caribe, Inc.

2. Identification of Motor Vehicles Involved

Affected vehicles are 2004-2006 model year Suzuki Forenza and 2005-2006 Suzuki Reno passenger cars produced from September 23, 2003 to March 27, 2006.

3. Total Number of Motor Vehicles Involved

101,688

4. Percentage of Motor Vehicles Estimated to Contain the Defect

Unknown

5. Description of Defect

The wiring harness behind the instrument panel contains a splice pack that is used to connect the power circuit

wires for the headlamps. Increased resistance due to poor contact between the terminals of certain wires can generate heat which can lead to melting of the splice pack. This can result in intermittent or total loss of low/high beam headlamp function. This would result in reduced driver visibility while driving at night, increasing the risk of a crash.

6. Chronology of Principal Events

- Feb. 04, 2012 - Transport Canada (TC) advised GM of Canada (GMCL) of 10 complaints relating to loss of headlamp function.
- Feb. 29, 2012 - TC advised GMCL of a new complaint and requested GMCL to provide all claims related to Chevrolet Optra loss of headlamps due to splice pack melting.
- Mar. 31, 2012 - GMCL submitted a list of 57 cases related to splice pack melting to TC.
- Apr. 19, 2012 - TC opened a Level 3 defect investigation for the condition.
- May 01, 2012 - GMK received 76 claim parts from American Suzuki Motor Corporation (ASMC).
- Jun. 05, 2012 - GMK reviewed the investigation at their Field Performance Evaluation Review Committee meeting.
- Jun. 26, 2012 - The issue was reviewed at a GMCL/TC meeting.
- Jun. 28, 2012 - TC issued a letter to GMCL requesting a Notice of Defect letter for the condition.
- Jul. 27, 2012 - GMK decided to conduct a safety-related recall.
- Aug. 10, 2012 - Suzuki Motor Corporation received a "Notice of a Product Safety Recall" from GMK and decided to conduct a safety-related recall in the U.S.

7. Description of Corrective Action

ASMC and Suzuki Del Caribe, Inc. will conduct a safety-related recall campaign to reconnect the affected wires outside the splice pack with two heat-shrink crimps.

ASMC is planning to notify dealers about the recall by the middle of September, 2012. ASMC is currently planning to begin owner notification by the end of September, 2012, and to complete owner notification by the end of October, 2012. We expect that Suzuki Del Caribe, Inc. will notify dealers and owners during the same time frame.

Enclosed is a copy of ASMC's plan for reimbursing owners and purchasers who incurred costs for remedies in advance of recall notification.

8. Copy of Notices

Enclosed is a copy of the initial notification letter that Suzuki Motor Corporation sent to ASMC. Copies of other documents will be provided when they have been finalized.

9. Suzuki Campaign Number

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Sincerely,

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