

General Motors has received the following information from Toyota

Safety Recall Preliminary Notice

2003 through 2004 Model Year Pontiac Vibe

Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) Electronic Control Module (ECM) – Q&A

The Vibe was engineered and designed by Toyota and built by New United Motor Manufacturing (NUMMI), a joint venture between Toyota and General Motors.

General Motors is currently working with Toyota to obtain sufficient quantities of remedy parts.

Q1: *What is the condition?*

A1: The Electronic Control Module (ECM) for the Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) in these vehicles could have been manufactured with integrated circuits that are susceptible to internal short circuiting when exposed to certain electrical noise from various vehicle electrical components. If internal short circuiting occurs, the front airbag(s) and/or seat belt pretensioners could inadvertently deploy. An airbag that deploys inadvertently can, under some circumstances, increase the risk of minor injury and the possibility of a crash.

Q2: *What is the cause?*

A2: Under certain circumstances, electrical noise generated by various electronic parts on the vehicle could damage an IC chip in the airbag control module.

Q3: *Are there any warning that this condition exists?*

A3: No, there are no specific warnings for when this condition will occur. In limited instances the airbag warning lamp may illuminate. If the airbag warning lamp* is illuminated, the vehicle should be taken to an authorized GM dealer for diagnosis and repair.

*The airbag warning lamp may be illuminated for conditions unrelated to this Safety Recall.

Q4: *Part information*

A4: General Motors is working with Toyota to obtain the necessary remedy parts. Owners will be notified once parts are available. Dealers will install a sub wire harness with a noise filter to the SRS ECM at no charge to correct this issue.

Q5: *What should a customer do if the AirBag Warning light is illuminated?*

A5: The airbag warning light is designed to come on when the engine switch is turned to the "ON" position during the ignition cycle check function. It goes off after about 6 seconds. ***This means the system is operating as designed.*** If the airbag warning light illuminates or remains illuminated ***after*** this period, the customer should contact their local authorized GM dealer for diagnosis and appropriate repair. If the warning lamp illumination is related to the condition covered by this Safety Recall the repair will be performed at **no charge**.

Q6: *What does the sub wire harness with noise filter do?*

A6: The sub wire harness minimizes the induction of electrical noise to the SRS ECM

Q7: *Which and how many vehicles are covered by this Safety Recall Campaign?*

A7: There are approximately 153,000 Pontiac Vibe vehicles (2003 through 2004 Model Year) covered by this Safety Recall in the U.S.

Q8: *How long will the repair take?*

A8: The repair will take approximately 1 hour. However, depending upon the dealer's work schedule, it may be necessary to make the vehicle available for a longer period of time.

Q9: *What if a customer has previously paid for repairs to his/her vehicle for this condition?*

A9: Reimbursement consideration instructions will be provided in the remedy owner letter.