

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

August 13, 2014

Mr. Brian Latouf Director, Field Product Investigations and Evaluations General Motors LLC 30001 Van Dyke - Mail Code 480-210-2V

Subject: Loss Of Power Steering Assist

Dear Mr. Latouf:

Warren, MI 48090-9055

This letter serves to acknowledge General Motors LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NVS-215KS

14V-450

#### Makes/Models/Model Years:

CHEVROLET/IMPALA/2014

Mfr's Report Date: July 22, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-450

## **Components:**

STEERING:ELECTRIC POWER ASSIST SYSTEM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 57,242

#### **Problem Description:**

General Motors LLC (GM) is recalling certain model year 2014 Chevrolet Impala vehicles manufactured November 5, 2012, to December 20, 2013. Due to a poor electrical ground connection to the Power Steering Control Module (PSCM), the affected vehicles may have a loss of power steering assist during start up or while driving.

### **Consequence:**

If power steering assist is lost, greater driver effort would be required to steer the vehicle at low speeds, increasing the risk of a crash.

## Remedy:

GM will notify owners, and dealers will clean paint from behind the ground stud nut and update the PSCM software, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in late August 2014. Owners may contact Chevrolet customer service at 1-800-222-1020. GM's number for this recall is 14330.

#### **Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.



We have received GM's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Timian

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

