

Bulletin No.: 14233

Date: August 2014







PRODUCT SAFETY RECALL

SUBJECT: **Inadvertent Air Bag Deployment**

2011 Cadillac CTS MODELS:

> Equipped with All-Wheel Drive, 3.6L or 3.0L V-6, (RPO LLT/LF1) and Automatic Transmission

It is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment (including a tire) covered by this notification under a sale or lease until the defect or noncompliance is remedied.

CONDITION

General Motors has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2011 model year Cadillac CTS all-wheel drive vehicles. Some of these vehicles may have a condition in which loss of grease from the center constant velocity (CV) joint over time results in vibrations of the propeller shaft that are transferred to the roll over sensor located on the floor above it. The signal produced by the vibrations in the rollover sensor may result in deployment of the roof rail airbags (RRAB). The deployment of the RRAB could cause airbag deployment related injury to the occupants of the vehicle, and increase the risk of a crash.

CORRECTION

Dealers are to replace the rear propeller shaft assembly

VEHICLES INVOLVED

All involved vehicles are identified by Vehicle Identification Number on the Investigate Vehicle History screen in GM Global Warranty Management system. Dealership service personnel should always check this site to confirm vehicle involvement prior to beginning any required inspections and/or repairs. It is important to routinely use this tool to verify eligibility because not all similar vehicles may be involved regardless of description or option content.

For dealers with involved vehicles, a listing with involved vehicles containing the complete vehicle identification number, customer name, and address information has been prepared and will be provided to US and Canadian dealers through the GM GlobalConnect Recall Reports, or sent directly to export dealers. Dealers will not have a report available if they have no involved vehicles currently assigned.

The listing may contain customer names and addresses obtained from Motor Vehicle Registration Records. The use of such motor vehicle registration data for any purpose other than follow-up necessary to complete this recall is a violation of law in several states/provinces/countries. Accordingly, you are urged to limit the use of this report to the follow-up necessary to complete this recall.

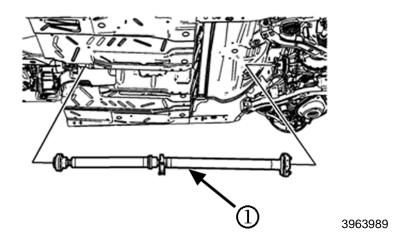
PART INFORMATION

Parts required to complete this recall are to be obtained from General Motors Customer Care and Aftersales (GMCC&A). Please refer to your "involved vehicles listing" before ordering parts. Normal orders should be placed on a DRO = Daily Replenishment Order. In an emergency situation, parts should be ordered on a CSO = Customer Special Order.

Important: Parts are not expected to be in stock until September 1, 2014. Please do not order parts before this date.

Part Number	Part Number Description	
22819506	SHAFT ASM-PROP (W/ DRIVELINE SUPT) (NON- PAINTED / GMNA)	1
22819507	SHAFT ASM-PROP (W/ DRIVELINE SUPT) (PAINTED / EXPORT ONLY)	1

SERVICE PROCEDURE



1. Remove the rear propeller shaft (1) from the vehicle. Refer to *Rear Propeller Shaft Replacement (RPO LLT/LF1with MX7 or MN6)* in SI.

Note: Ensure that the axle and transfer case connections are properly torqued to the specification noted in the service procedure below.

2. Install the new rear propeller shaft. Refer to Rear Propeller Shaft Replacement (RPO LLT/LF1with MX7 or MN6) in SI.

<u>CUSTOMER REIMBURSEMENT</u> - For US

Customer requests for reimbursement of previously paid repairs for the recall condition are to be submitted to the dealer by September 1, 2015, unless otherwise specified by state law. If this is not convenient for the customer, they may mail the completed Customer Reimbursement Request Form and all required documents to the GM Customer Assistance Center.

All reasonable and customary costs to correct the condition described in this bulletin should be considered for reimbursement. Any questions or concerns should be reviewed with your GM representative prior to processing the request.

When a customer requests reimbursement, they must provide the following:

- A completed Customer Reimbursement Request Form. This form is mailed to the customer or can be obtained through GM GlobalConnect.
- The name and address of the person who paid for the repair.
- Paid receipt confirming the amount of the repair expense, a description of the repair, and the person or entity performing the repair.

IMPORTANT: GM requires dealers to approve or deny a reimbursement request within 30 days of receipt. If a reimbursement request is approved, the dealer should immediately issue a check to the customer and submit an appropriate warranty transaction for the incurred expense. If a reimbursement request is denied, the dealer <u>MUST</u> provide the customer with a clear and concise explanation, in writing, as to why the request was denied. The bottom portion of the Customer Reimbursement Request Form may be used for this purpose. If the denial was due to missing documents, the customer can resubmit the request when the missing documents are obtained, as long as it is still within the allowed reimbursement period.

Warranty transactions for customer reimbursement of previously paid repairs are to be submitted as required by GM Global Warranty Management. Additional information can also be found in Warranty Administration Bulletin 11-00-89-004.

<u>CUSTOMER REIMBURSEMENT</u> - For Canada and Export

Customer requests for reimbursement of previously paid repairs to correct the condition described in this bulletin are to be submitted to the dealer prior to or by September 1, 2015.

When a customer requests reimbursement, they must provide the following:

- Proof of ownership at time of repair.
- Original paid receipt confirming the amount of unreimbursed repair expense(s) (including Service Contract deductibles), a description of the repair, and the person or entity performing the repair.

All reasonable and customary costs to correct the condition described in this bulletin should be considered for reimbursement. Any questions or concerns should be reviewed with your GM representative prior to processing the request.

COURTESY TRANSPORTATION - For US and Canada

The General Motors Courtesy Transportation program is intended to minimize customer inconvenience when a vehicle requires a repair that is covered by the New Vehicle Limited Warranties. The availability of courtesy transportation to customers whose vehicles are within the warranty coverage period and involved in a product program is very important in maintaining customer satisfaction. Dealers are to ensure that these customers understand that shuttle service or some other form of courtesy transportation is available and will be provided at no charge. Dealers should refer to the General Motors Service Policies and Procedures Manual for Courtesy Transportation guidelines.

WARRANTY TRANSACTION INFORMATION

Submit a transaction using the table below. All transactions should be submitted as a ZFAT transaction type, unless noted otherwise.

Note: To avoid having to "H" route the customer reimbursement transaction for approval, it must be submitted prior to the repair transaction.

Labor Code	Description	Labor Time	Net Item
9100814	Rear Propeller Shaft Replacement	1.4	N/A
9100855	Customer Reimbursement Approved	0.2	*
9100856	Customer Reimbursement Denied - For US dealers only	0.1	N/A

Note: Customer reimbursement will not close this recall. The service procedure must also be performed on the vehicle.

* The amount identified in "Net Item" should represent the dollar amount reimbursed to the customer.

<u>CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION</u> – For US and Canada

General Motors will notify customers of this recall on their vehicle (see copy of customer letter included with this bulletin).

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION – For Export

Letters will be sent to known owners of record located within areas covered by the US National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. For owners outside these areas, dealers should notify customers using the attached sample letter.

<u>DEALER RECALL RESPONSIBILITY</u> – For US and Export (US States, Territories, and Possessions)

It is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment (including a tire) covered by this notification under a sale or lease until the defect or noncompliance is remedied.

The US National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act provides that each vehicle that is subject to a recall of this type must be adequately repaired within a reasonable time after the customer has tendered it for repair. A failure to repair within sixty days after tender of a vehicle is prima

facie evidence of failure to repair within a reasonable time. If the condition is not adequately repaired within a reasonable time, the customer may be entitled to an identical or reasonably equivalent vehicle at no charge or to a refund of the purchase price less a reasonable allowance for depreciation. To avoid having to provide these burdensome remedies, every effort must be made to promptly schedule an appointment with each customer and to repair their vehicle as soon as possible. In the recall notification letters, customers are told how to contact the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration if the recall is not completed within a reasonable time.

DEALER RECALL RESPONSIBILITY – AII

Dealers are to service all vehicles subject to this recall at no charge to customers, regardless of mileage, age of vehicle, or ownership, from this time forward.

Customers who have recently purchased vehicles sold from your vehicle inventory, and for which there is no customer information indicated on the dealer listing, are to be contacted by the dealer. Arrangements are to be made to make the required correction according to the instructions contained in this bulletin. A copy of the customer letter is provided in this bulletin for your use in contacting customers. Recall follow-up cards should not be used for this purpose, since the customer may not as yet have received the notification letter.

In summary, whenever a vehicle subject to this recall enters your vehicle inventory, or is in your dealership for service in the future, you must take the steps necessary to be sure the recall correction has been made before selling or releasing the vehicle.



IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

August 2014

Dear General Motors Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

General Motors has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2011 model year Cadillac CTS vehicles equipped with All-Wheel Drive. As a result, GM is conducting a safety recall. We apologize for this inconvenience. However, we are concerned about your safety and continued satisfaction with our products.

IMPORTANT

- This notice applies to your vehicle.
- Your vehicle is involved in GM safety recall 14233.
- Schedule an appointment with your GM dealer.
- This service will be performed for you at **no charge**.

Why is your vehicle being recalled?

Some of these vehicles may have a condition in which loss of grease from the center constant velocity (CV) joint over time results in vibrations of the propeller shaft that are transferred to the roll over sensor located on the floor above it. The signal produced by the vibrations in the rollover sensor may result in deployment of the roof rail airbags (RRAB). The deployment of the RRAB could cause airbag deployment related injury to the occupants of the vehicle, and increase the risk of a crash.

What will we do?

PARTS ARE NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. When parts are available, your Cadillac will replace the rear prop shaft assembly. This service will be performed for you at **no charge**.

We are working as quickly as possible to correct this condition. And expect to have sufficient parts to begin repairs by September 1, 2014.

What should you do?

You should contact your Cadillac dealer to arrange a service appointment on or after September 1, 2014.

Did you already pay for this repair?

Even though you may have already have had a repair to the RRAB you will still need to take your vehicle to your dealer for inspection or additional recall repairs. If you have paid for repairs for the condition described in this letter, please complete the enclosed reimbursement form and present it to your dealer with all required documents. Working with your dealer will expedite your request, however, if this is not convenient, you may mail the completed reimbursement form and all required documents to Reimbursement

Department, PO Box 33170, Detroit, MI 48232-5170. The completed form and required documents must be presented to your dealer or received by the Reimbursement Department by September 1, 2015, unless state law specifies a longer reimbursement period.

Do you have questions?

If you have questions or concerns that your dealer is unable to resolve, please contact the appropriate Customer Assistance Center at the number listed below.

Division	Number	Text Telephones (TTY)
Cadillac	1-800-458-8006	1-800-833-2622

If after contacting your dealer and the Customer Assistance Center, you are still not satisfied we have done our best to remedy this condition without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1.888.327.4236 (TTY 1.800.424.9153), or go to http://www.safercar.gov. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Campaign ID Number for this recall is 14V341.

Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

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General Motors Product Field Action Customer Reimbursement Request Form

This section to be completed by customer (please print)				
Customer Name:				
Street Address or P. O. Box Number:				
City: State: Zip Code:				
Daytime Telephone Number (include Area Code):				
Evening Telephone Number (include Area Code):				
Date Request Form and Supporting Documentation Submitted to Dealer:				
Vehicle Identification Number of Involved Vehicle:				
Mileage at Time of Repair: Date of Repair:				
Amount of Reimbursement Requested: \$				
THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION MUST ACCOMPANY THIS REQUEST FORM.				
Original or clear copy of all receipts, invoices and/or repair orders that show:				
 The name and address of the person who paid for the repair. The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the vehicle that was repaired. Description of problem, the repair performed, date of repair and who performed the repair. The total cost of the repair expense that is being requested. Proof of payment for the repair in question and the date of payment. (Copy of cancelled check, copy of credit card receipt or receipt for cash payment) 				
My signature to this document attests that all attached documents are genuine and I request reimbursement for the expense I incurred for the repair covered by this letter.				
Customer's Signature:				
Submit this request form and the required documents to your GM dealer for processing. All reasonable and customary costs to correct the condition described in the letter that came with this form will be considered for reimbursement. If your request is approved, you will receive a check from your dealer. If your request is denied, you will receive a written explanation for the denial from your dealer. If your request is incomplete, your dealer will advise you what documentation is needed to complete the request and offer you the opportunity to resubmit the request when the missing documents are available. If you have any questions about this process or have waited 30 or more days for a response from your dealer, please contact the GM Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-204-0261.				
This section to be completed by dealer (please print)				

Bulletin No.: _____ Request Approved: ____ Date: ____ Amount: \$___

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Request Denied: Da	te: Reviewed By:	
Reason:		
If denied, plea	se provide a copy of this form to the customer and retain	original for your files