



# Recall Bulletin

## PRODUCT SAFETY RECALL

**SUBJECT:** Lapbelt Pretensioner Locking Performance

**MODELS:** 2013 Buick Encore  
2013 Cadillac ATS 4-Door  
2013 Chevrolet Trax  
and  
Vehicles that were serviced with a suspect part:  
2013-2014 Buick Encore  
2013-2014 Cadillac ATS 4-Door  
2014 Cadillac CTS Sedan (VIN A)

The Part Information section has been revised. The seat belt tensioner kit, part number 19329909 (black color), is no longer available for ordering. Dealers are to order the individual components of the kit. Please discard all copies of bulletin 14171C.

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.

Vehicles involved in this recall were placed on stop delivery on August 7, 2014 or August 14, 2014. Once the service procedure contained in this bulletin has been performed on the vehicle, the vehicle is released from stop delivery and the vehicle can be delivered to the customer.

All involved vehicles that are in dealer inventory must be held and not delivered to customers, dealer traded, or used for demonstration purposes until the repair contained in this bulletin has been performed on the vehicle.

### CONDITION

General Motors has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2013 model year Buick Encore, Cadillac ATS 4 door, Chevrolet Trax vehicles, and the following serviced vehicles: 2013-2014 model year Buick Encore and Cadillac ATS 4 door, and 2014 model year Cadillac CTS. Some of these vehicles may have a condition in which the front outboard lap belt pretensioner cables will retract upon deployment to pull in seat belt webbing, as intended, but may not lock in that position, allowing the cable and the retracted webbing to return to their original positions under occupant loading. If this occurs, there may be an increased risk of occupant excursion in frontal and rollover impacts, which increases the risk of injury to an occupant.

### CORRECTION

Dealers are to replace both front outboard lap belt pretensioners.

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.

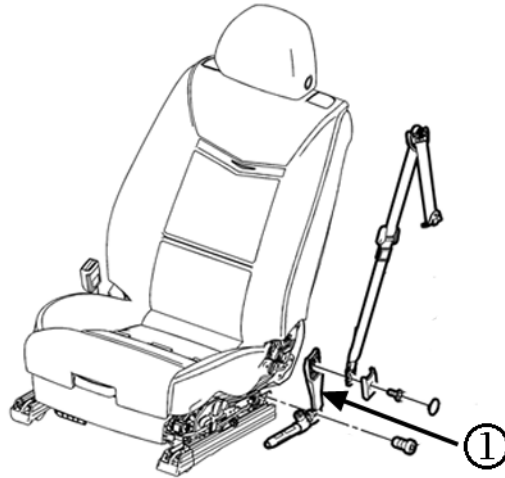
PART INFORMATION

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.

**Important:** Dealers should order as CSO only. Due to flight restrictions on quantity of lapbelt shipments, your orders may arrive via FedEx or with your normal PDC delivery. Please do not place orders as SPAC; it will delay shipment of the order and will not provide visibility.

Part Number	Description	Quantity/ Vehicle
19330971	TENSIONER KIT, D/SEAT BELT (RETR SI) (BLACK)	1
19260974	TENSIONER KIT, P/SEAT BELT (RETR SI) (BLACK)	1
19329910	TENSIONER KIT, FRONT SEAT BELT (RETR SI) (PLATINUM 4C1, 4C2) (LH/RH) (ATS & CTS)	1
19330501	TENSIONER KIT, FRONT SEAT BELT (RETR SI) (BLACK 01A, 01J, 01S, 4AA, 4AI, 4AV, 4C8) (LH/RH) (Encore, Trax)	1
19299515	TENSIONER KIT, D/SEAT BELT (RETR SI) (COCOA) (Encore)	1
19299513	TENSIONER KIT, P/SEAT BELT (RETR SI) (COCOA) (Encore)	1
19301701*	TENSIONER KIT, D/SEAT BELT (RETR SI) (TITANIUM 4AV) (CTS)	1
19301704*	TENSIONER KIT, P/SEAT BELT (RETR SI) (TITANIUM 4AV) (CTS)	1
19301702*	TENSIONER KIT, D/SEAT BELT (RETR SI) (CASHMERE 4EQ) (CTS)	1
19301705*	TENSIONER KIT, P/SEAT BELT (RETR SI) (CASHMERE 4EQ) (CTS)	1

\* There are only 9 CTS vehicles involved in this recall. All 9 vehicles are located in the U.S. Do NOT place orders until the customer contacts the dealership to schedule an appointment.

SERVICE PROCEDURE

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1. Remove the driver and passenger seat belt tensioner assemblies (1). Refer to *Front Seat Belt Anchor Plate Tensioner Replacement* in SI and to *Supplemental Seat Belt Tensioner Cover and Seat Belt Tensioner Removal Instructions* in this bulletin.
2. Install new driver and passenger seat belt tensioner assemblies. Refer to *Front Seat Belt Anchor Plate Tensioner Replacement* in SI.

**Supplemental Seat Belt Tensioner Cover and Seat Belt Tensioner Removal Instructions**

Review the *Front Seat Belt Anchor Plate Tensioner Replacement* procedure in SI and the supplemental instructions below BEFORE performing the procedure.



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**Caution:** Carefully separate the seat belt tensioner covers using a flat-blade screw driver. Apply light pressure to the covers using the flat-blade screw driver to avoid damaging the covers or cover key.

1. Remove the driver seat belt tensioner cover.
2. Remove the seat belt with latch from the front seat belt tensioner.
3. Remove the driver seat belt tensioner fastener.

4. Remove the driver seat belt tensioner assembly.
5. Discard the tensioner assembly.
6. Install a new lapbelt tensioner.
7. Tighten seat belt tensioner fastener to 45 Nm (33 lb ft).
8. Tighten seat belt tensioner cover fastener to 5 Nm (44 lb-in).
9. Follow SI instructions included in *Front Seat Belt Anchor Plate Tensioner Replacement* to complete the repair.

#### FLOOR PLAN REIMBURSEMENT

Dealers in possession of vehicles included in the Stop Delivery are eligible for reimbursement of floor plan expense upon completion of this recall. This reimbursement is limited to the number of days from the Stop Delivery message to receipt of the recall parts and/or repair procedures. Floor plan reimbursement beyond these dates is not allowed. The amount of reimbursement should be charged as a net amount expense using the recall labor operation provided.

#### 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 floor plan transaction for approval, it must be submitted prior to the repair transaction.

<b>Labor Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Labor Time</b>	<b>Net Item</b>
9100813	Replace Both Front Seat Belt Tensioner Assemblies (inc. Deploy Pyrotechnic Devices)		N/A
	- ATS	0.9	
	- Encore, Trax	0.7	
	- CTS	1.6	
9100961	Floor Plan Reimbursement	N/A	*

\* The amount identified in "Net Item" should represent the product of the vehicle's average daily interest rate (see table below) multiplied by the actual number of days the vehicle was in dealer inventory and not available for sale. This reimbursement is limited to the number of days from the date of the stop delivery message (August 7, 2014 or August 14, 2014) to the date the repair is completed and the vehicle is ready for sale (not to exceed 82-89 days (ATS); 168-175 days (Encore, Trax)).

<b>Vehicle</b>	<b>US Reimbursement Amount</b>	<b>Canadian Reimbursement Amount</b>
ATS	\$ 5.73	\$ 4.93
Encore	\$3.86	\$4.63
Trax	N/A	\$3.99

**CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION** – 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.

**DEALER RECALL RESPONSIBILITY** – 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 – All

All unsold new vehicles in dealers' possession and subject to this recall must be held and inspected/repaired per the service procedure of this recall bulletin before customers take possession of these vehicles.

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

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 2013 model year Buick Encore, Cadillac ATS 4-Door, and Chevrolet Trax, and in the following vehicles that were serviced with a suspect part: certain 2013-2014 model year Buick Encore and Cadillac ATS 4-Door vehicles, and 2014 model year Cadillac CTS vehicles. 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, **VIN** \_\_\_\_\_.
- Your vehicle is involved in GM safety recall 14171.
- Schedule an appointment with your GM dealer.
- This service will be performed for you at **no charge**.

### Why is your vehicle being recalled?

Your vehicle may have a condition in which the front outboard lap belt pretensioner cables will retract upon deployment to pull in seat belt webbing, as intended, but may not lock in that position, allowing the cable and the retracted webbing to return to their original positions under occupant loading. If this occurs, there may be an increased risk of occupant excursion in frontal and rollover impacts, which increases the risk of injury to an occupant.

### What will we do?

Your GM dealer will replace both front outboard lap belt pretensioners. This service will be performed for you at **no charge**. Because of service scheduling requirements, it is likely that your dealer will need your vehicle longer than the actual service correction time of approximately 45 to 60 minutes.

### What should you do?

You should contact your GM dealer to arrange a service appointment as soon as possible.

### 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)
Buick	1-800-521-7300	1-800-832-8425
Cadillac	1-800-458-8006	1-800-833-2622
Chevrolet	1-800-222-1020	1-800-833-2438
Guam	65-6267-1752	
Puerto Rico – English	1-800-496-9992	
Puerto Rico – Español	1-800-496-9993	
Virgin Islands	1-800-496-9994	

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 14V488.

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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