

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 15V-399

**Manufacturer Name :** General Motors LLC**Submission Date :** MAY 16, 2016**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-399**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 15206**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : General Motors LLC

Address : 30001 VAN DYKE  
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48090

Company phone : 5961733

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 47,042

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle 1 : 2011-2011 Chevrolet Caprice

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Certain 2011 Chevrolet Caprice vehicles

Production Dates : OCT 15, 2010 - AUG 16, 2011

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR  Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2012-2012 Chevrolet Caprice

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Certain 2012 Chevrolet Caprice vehicles

Production Dates : AUG 29, 2011 - AUG 17, 2012

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR  Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2013-2013 Chevrolet Caprice

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Certain 2013 Chevrolet Caprice vehicles

Production Dates : AUG 14, 2012 - OCT 22, 2013

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR  Not sequential

Vehicle 4 : 2008-2008 Pontiac G8

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Certain 2008 Pontiac G8 vehicles

Production Dates : JUL 25, 2007 - MAY 16, 2008

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR

Not sequential

Vehicle 5 : 2009-2009 Pontiac G8

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Certain 2009 Pontiac G8 vehicles

Production Dates : FEB 29, 2008 - FEB 18, 2009

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR

Not sequential

## Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : General Motors has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in 2011-2013 model year Chevrolet Caprice and 2008-2009 model year Pontiac G8 vehicles. The flexible steel cable that connects the safety belt to the vehicle at the outside of the front outboard seating positions can fatigue and separate over time as a result of occupant movement into the seat.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : In a crash, a fatigued cable could break, reducing the effectiveness of the vehicle's safety belts and increasing the risk of injury to the occupant.

Description of the Cause : In certain seating positions, the safety belt's flexible steel cable (or "tensioner cable") can be located in a forward position allowing the occupant to sit on top of it while entering the vehicle. This action can bend the steel cable over the seat side shield, which over time may cause the cable to fatigue and separate.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : The covering on the tensioner cable may show visible signs, including tears, holes, or wear marks.

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : ZF TRW

Address : Industriestraße 20  
D-73553 Alfdorf FOREIGN STATES

Country : Germany

**Chronology :**

On February 16, 2015, a global read-across of warranty data was conducted in response to the investigation that resulted in GM recall N15031 for model year 2011-2012 Chevrolet Malibu vehicles. Based on these findings, a separate investigation into Caprice and G8 vehicles was opened on March 5, 2015. On April 2, 2015, a review was conducted of warranty claims related to the subject condition for Caprice and G8 vehicles. On May 19, an additional related G8 warranty claim was received. TREAD data was reviewed on May 26, identifying additional unique related claims. Caprice and G8 vehicle populations were confirmed on June 10, 2015, and on that same day, GM's Safety Field Action Decision Authority decided to conduct a safety recall.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Dealers will replace the tensioner assembly. Pursuant to 577.11, GM will provide reimbursement to owners for repairs completed on or before ten days after the owner mailing is completed, according to the plan submitted on May 20, 2015.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The replacement parts reposition the tensioner cable out of the path of entry into the vehicle. The replacement part uses a more flexible cable, set at a more upright angle. The tensioner cover is altered to provide necessary clearance for the new cable position.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : General Motors will provide the dealer bulletin notification dates when available.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : JUN 20, 2016 - JUN 20, 2016

Planned Owner Notification Date : JUN 20, 2016 - JUN 20, 2016

\* NR - Not Reported