OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# **Part 573 Safety Recall Report**

# 15V-416

**Manufacturer Name:** General Motors LLC

Submission Date: JUN 24,2015 NHTSA Recall No.: 15V-416 Manufacturer Recall No.: 15504



#### **Manufacturer Information:**

Manufacturer Name: General Motors LLC

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Company phone: 999

## **Population:**

Number of potentially involved: 45,785 Estimated percentage with defect: 100

#### **Vehicle Information:**

Vehicle: 2014-2014 Chevrolet Spark Vehicle Type: LIGHT VEHICLES

**Body Style:** 

Power Train: NR

Descriptive Information: Certain 2014 Chevrolet Spark vehicles equipped with UM7 (base radio) & UE1

(OnStar)

Production Dates: APR 30, 2014 - AUG 13, 2014

#### **VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

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Vehicle: 2015-2015 Chevrolet Spark Vehicle Type: LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information: Certain 2015 Chevrolet Spark vehicles equipped with UM7 (base radio) & UE1

(OnStar)

Production Dates: AUG 11, 2014 - MAY 20, 2015

## **VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

 $\begin: NR \\ \begin: NR \\ \begin : NR \\ \begin : NR \\ \begin: NR \\ \begin : NR \\ \begin: NR \\$ 

Vehicle: 2015-2015 Chevrolet Sonic Vehicle Type: LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information: Certain 2015 Chevrolet Sonic vehicles equipped with UH7/UM7 (base radio) & UE1

(OnStar)

Production Dates : JUN 18, 2014 - JUN 10, 2015		
VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range		
Begin: NR	End: NR	☐ Not sequential VINs

#### **Description of Defect:**

Description of the Defect: General Motors has decided that certain 2014-2015 model year Chevrolet Spark and certain 2015 model year Chevrolet Sonic vehicles may fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 114 S5.1.3, "Theft Protection and Rollaway Prevention" and to FMVSS 208 S7.3, "Occupant Crash Protection." The existing radio software in these vehicles may cause the radio to lock up. In this condition, the radio display will go blank and stops playing all audio functions, including vehicle chimes related to warnings for key left in ignition (prescribed by FMVSS 114) and driver safety belt not in use (prescribed by FMVSS 208). In addition to the vehicle chime malfunction, the radio may not turn off, causing battery drain and a potential no start condition.

FMVSS 1:208 - Occupant crash protection

FMVSS 2:114 - Theft protection

Description of the Safety Risk: Without audible indicators, the driver may leave the key in the ignition,

increasing the risk of theft. If a driver or front passenger does not buckle their seat belt, there would be no chime to remind them to fasten their seat belts. If a driver or passenger does not buckle their seat belt there is an increased risk that they will be injured in a crash.

Description of the Cause: The radio has a software error which causes it to call an invalid function address, causing the radio to lock up.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur: NR

# **Supplier Identification:**

**Component Manufacturer** 

Name: NR Address: NR

NR

Country: NR

#### **Chronology:**

On April 20, 2015, upon review of warranty claims associated with the radio lockup failure, a GM Quality, Reliability and Durability employee registered the issue with GM's Problem Resolution Tracking System. On April 24, 2015, a GM employee opened a Speak Up For Safety Case for a radio lockup failure experienced at the GM Technical Center Service Garage. On June 4, 2015, GM opened a formal investigation into the issue. On June 17, 2015, GM's Safety and Field Action Decision Authority decided to conduct a non-compliance recall.

## **Description of Remedy:**

 $Description\ of\ Remedy\ Program: Dealers\ will\ re-flash\ the\ radio\ software.\ Pursuant\ to\ 577.11, General\ Motors$ 

does not plan to provide notice about reimbursement to owners because all

involved vehicles are covered under the new vehicle warranty.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Radios with the existing defective software may

experience the lockup condition when using the vehicle's OnStar feature in Turn by Turn

Directions mode.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production: As of June 16, 2015, all affected production

plants had successfully passed Production Trial Run (PTR) testing with radios programmed with the new software. On June 17, 2015, the affected production plants began re-programming all radios in their inventory as well as the radios in vehicles previously built but not shipped. The re-programming of radios will continue until a production break point can be set when radios with the new software arrive from the supplier.

## **Recall Schedule:**

Description of Recall Schedule: NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date: JUN 24, 2015 - JUN 24, 2015

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

\* NR - Not Reported