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Date: February 3, 2016

Subject: Upcoming Safety Recall 28810
Takata Driver Airbags

Models: 2003-2011 Saab 9-3
2010-2011 Saab 9-5
2008-2009 Saturn Astra

To: All General Motors Dealers

Takata has notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) about an upcoming safety recall. This Takata equipment recall relates to all Takata PSDI-5 driver airbag inflators produced from the start of production through the end of model year 2014. Takata PSDI-5 inflators were installed in the following GM vehicles as original equipment: (i) 2003 – 2011 model year Saab 9-3 vehicles; (ii) 2010 – 2011 model year Saab 9-5 vehicles; and (iii) 2008 – 2009 model year Saturn Astra vehicles. In accordance with Takata's defect determination, GM is recalling these vehicles to replace the Takata driver airbag inflators. The GM recall number is 28810.

Takata's part 573 report for this equipment recall states, in part:

"Takata has determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety may arise in some of the subject inflators. Takata is aware of four test ruptures in ballistic tests of non-desiccated PSDI-5 inflators. Takata is not aware of any field incidents in which a PSDI-5 inflator has ruptured, either desiccated or non-desiccated. Takata is taking this action in an abundance of caution, to address all of the subject non-desiccated PSDI-5 air bag inflators, due to the similarities of design and manufacturing characteristics for this type of inflator used in the U.S. market. . . . In the event of an inflator rupture, metal fragments could pass through the air bag cushion material, which may result in injury or death to vehicle occupants."

Parts are not currently available, but when parts are available, Saab Official Service Centers (OSC) will replace the driver airbag inflator on the Saab 9-3 and 9-5 vehicles involved in this recall, while GM dealers will replace the driver airbag module on the Saturn Astra vehicles involved in this recall.

This is a courtesy notification, and you will be advised when the recall bulletin is released.

For GM dealers, the Investigate Vehicle History (IVH) screen in the Global Warranty Management (GWM) system will be updated for this upcoming recall on February 04, 2016. This action has been taken to assist dealers with determining which vehicles are involved so they can properly respond to customer inquiries.

Until the recall bulletin is released, the IVH screen in GWM will display "N/A" under Release Date and "Incomplete – Remedy not yet available" under Status. This means the required repair is not yet available and dealers should not attempt to perform any repairs.

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