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Subject: Upcoming Safety Recall 17476
Front Passenger Air Bag Inflator

Models: 2009-2010 Pontiac Vibe
Not Previously Recalled For this Condition

To: All General Motors Dealers

Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing has notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) about an upcoming safety recall that involves 2009-2010 model year Pontiac Vibe vehicles. The Pontiac Vibe was manufactured by New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc. (NUMMI), a joint venture between Toyota and General Motors. As a result, GM will be conducting a safety recall. The GM recall number is 17476.

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 until the safety defect is remedied.

The subject vehicles are equipped with front passenger air bag inflators (Takata-designated PSPI-6) which contain a non-desiccated, phase stabilized ammonium nitrate propellant. According to the reports submitted to NHTSA, a defect related to motor vehicle safety may arise in the inflators due to propellant degradation occurring after prolonged exposure to high absolute humidity, high temperatures, and high temperature cycling. Activation of a non-desiccated ammonium nitrate inflator with degraded propellant may result in an inflator rupture. An inflator rupture may cause metal fragments to pass through the air bag and into the vehicle interior at high speed, which may result in injury or death to vehicle occupants.

The parts needed to correct this condition are not currently available, but when parts are available, dealers are to replace the front passenger air bag inflator. Dealers will be advised when the recall bulletin is released.

Until further instructions are received, involved vehicles that are in dealers' possession must be held and not delivered to customers, dealer-traded, released to auction, used for demonstration purposes or any other dealer use.

The Investigate Vehicle History (IVH) screen in the Global Warranty Management (GWM) system will be updated for this upcoming recall. 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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