

Product Safety Recall

18279 Rear Brake Piston Degassing Causing Soft Brake Pedal



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Attention: 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.

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.

Make	Model	Model Year		RPO	Description
		From	To		
Buick	LaCrosse	2018	2019		
Buick	Regal	2018	2019		
Cadillac	XTS	2018	2019		
Chevrolet	Bolt EV	2018	2019		
Chevrolet	Cruze	2018	2019		
Chevrolet	Equinox	2018	2019		
Chevrolet	Impala	2018	2019		
Chevrolet	Malibu	2018	2018		
Chevrolet	Volt	2018	2019		
GMC	Terrain	2018	2019		
Holden	Insignia B	2018	2019		

Involved vehicles are marked "open" on the Investigate Vehicle History screen in GM Global Warranty Management system. This site should always be checked to confirm vehicle involvement prior to beginning any required inspections and/or repairs.

Condition	General Motors has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2018–2019 model year GMC Terrain vehicles; 2018 model year Chevrolet Malibu vehicles; 2018–2019 model year Chevrolet Cruze, Equinox, Volt, Impala, and Bolt vehicles; 2018–2019 model year Buick Lacrosse and Regal vehicles; and 2018–2019 model year Cadillac XTS vehicles. In a small number of these vehicles, the rear-brake caliper pistons may contain trapped hydrogen gas that could be released into the vehicle's brake system. If gas is present in the brake system, rear-brake performance may be reduced, increasing the risk of a crash.
Correction	Dealers will "bleed" the brake system to remove any gas from the rear brake system.

Parts

Quantity	Part Name	Part No.
1*	Dot 3 Hydraulic Brake Fluid	19353126 (U.S.) 19353127 (Canada) 88865629 (Mexico)
1*	Dot 4 Hydraulic Brake Fluid (Regal Only)	19299570 (U.S.)

*Purchased in quantity of 24 bottles. 1 bottle of brake fluid will be required per vehicle for bleeding of the brakes.

Note: Export markets are to procure brake fluid from an approved local source. Refer to the parts table in this bulletin to determine if DOT 3 or DOT 4 brake fluid is required to complete the repair. If an equivalent brake fluid is used to complete the repair, it must meet DOT 3 or DOT 4 brake fluid specifications.

Warranty Information

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Time	Trans. Type	Net Item
9104046	Hydraulic Brake System Bleeding Bolt, Cruze, Insignia, Regal Equinox, Impala, Terrain, Volt, XTS, XTS Professional LaCrosse, Malibu	0.5 0.7 1.1	ZFAT	N/A

Note: Some vehicles require pressure bleeding of the brake system. Follow the Pressure Brake Bleeding procedure in SI when required. If both the Manual Brake Bleeding procedure and Pressure Brake Bleeding procedure are published in SI, perform the Manual Brake Bleed procedure.

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Service Procedure

1. Bleed the brake system. Refer to *Hydraulic Brake System Bleeding* or *Hydraulic Brake System Bleeding (Manual)* in SI.

Dealer Responsibility – For USA & Export (USA 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 Responsibility – All

All new, used, GM Certified Used, courtesy transportation vehicles, dealer shuttle vehicles, etc. in dealers' possession and subject to this recall must be held and inspected/repaired per the service procedure of this bulletin before customers take possession of these vehicles. Involved vehicles must be held and not delivered to customers, dealer-traded, released to auction, used for demonstration, or any other purpose.

All GM Certified Used vehicles currently in the dealers' inventory within the Certified Pre-Owned Inventory System (CPOIS) will be de-certified and must be held and remedied per the service procedure in this bulletin. Upon submitting an accepted/paid warranty transaction in the Global Warranty Management (GWM) system, the vehicle can be re-certified for sale within the CPOIS system, or once again be used in the CTP program.

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. 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.

Dealer Reports

For dealers with involved vehicles, a listing with involved vehicles has been prepared and will be provided to U.S. and Canadian dealers through the GM GlobalConnect Recall Reports, or sent directly to export dealers. 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.

Courtesy Transportation – For USA & Canada

Courtesy transportation is available for customers whose vehicles are involved in a product program and still within the warranty coverage period. See General Motors Service Policies and Procedures Manual, Sections 1.4 and 6.1.10, for courtesy transportation program details.

Customer Notification

USA & Canada - General Motors will notify customers of this recall on their vehicle.

Export - Letters will be sent to known owners of record located within areas covered by the US National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

GM bulletins are intended for use by professional technicians, NOT a "do-it-yourselfer". They are written to inform these technicians of conditions that may occur on some vehicles, or to provide information that could assist in the proper service of a vehicle. Properly trained technicians have the tools, equipment, safety instructions, and know-how to do a job properly and safely. If a condition is described, **DO NOT** assume that the bulletin applies to your vehicle, or that your vehicle will have that condition. See your dealer for information on whether your vehicle may benefit from the information.



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