

Product Safety Recall

N182204040 Seat Belt Buckle Rivet



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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.

This bulletin contains an inspection procedure for both dealer inventory and customer vehicles. Vehicles that pass this inspection procedure can be delivered and closed using the “Inspect Only – No Further Action Required” labor code 9103136. It is estimated that fewer than 1% of the involved vehicles will fail the inspection and require part replacement. Vehicles that do not pass the inspection must be held and not delivered to customers. This bulletin will be updated when the remedy and required parts become available, at which time those vehicles can be repaired, closed and delivered.

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		
Cadillac	XTS	2019	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 2019 Cadillac XTS vehicles. The front seat belt buckles may have been manufactured without the rivet that secures the buckle head to the cable mounting strap. If the securing rivet is missing, the buckle may separate from the cable mounting strap when force is exerted on the seat belt, including in a crash, increasing the risk of injury to the driver or front passenger.
Correction	Dealers will inspect the driver and front passenger seat buckle assemblies and will replace the assembly if the rivet is not included.

Parts

It is estimated that fewer than 1% of the involved vehicles will fail the inspection and require part replacement. For those vehicles that do not pass the inspection, the bulletin will be updated when the remedy and required parts become available, at which time those vehicles can be repaired.

Warranty Information

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Time	Trans. Type	Net Item
9103136*	Inspect Only – No Further Action Required	0.2	ZFAT	N/A

* Only use for vehicles that pass inspection. Hold failed inspection warranty claims until bulletin is updated with the remedy and the revised service parts are available.

Service Procedure

Inspection Video



Seat Belt NEW.mp4

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Review the inspection video before beginning the service procedure.

1. Pull the driver side front seatbelt out of the retractor. Insert the latch plate into the buckle until a “click” sound is heard. Position the belt as if buckled over an occupant.
2. Grasp the belt webbing at the buckle area, being careful to not grab the buckle itself, and pull straight away from the buckle with a firm tug (pull).
3. After applying the pull to the belt webbing, inspect the buckle for movement out of the buckle sleeve.

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Buckle Retained in Sleeve

- If the buckle does not move out of the sleeve, no further action is required. Unlatch the buckle and return the belt to its original position.



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Buckle Pulled Out of Housing

- **If the buckle fails to remain locked in the sleeve, or pulls out of the sleeve in any way, the front seat belt buckle requires replacement.** Revised service parts are currently NOT available. This bulletin will be updated once revised service parts are available.

4. Repeat steps 1-3 on the front passenger side seat belt system.

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.

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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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