

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 19V-019

**Manufacturer Name :** General Motors LLC**Submission Date :** JAN 31, 2019**NHTSA Recall No. :** 19V-019**Manufacturer Recall No. :** N182206630**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : General Motors LLC

Address : 29427 Louis Chevrolet Road  
MAIL CODE 480-210-2V WARREN MI  
48093

Company phone : 5961733

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 1,145

Estimated percentage with defect : 1 %

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle 1 : 2010-2011 Chevrolet Malibu

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

**Descriptive Information :** Approximately 1145 vehicles were built with inflators from a specific manufacturing lot. An inflator from this manufacturing lot ruptured during a crash. GM currently has no evidence that other vehicles or inflator lots are affected.

Production Dates : MAY 01, 2010 - AUG 24, 2010

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR

 Not sequential**Description of Defect :**

**Description of the Defect :** General Motors has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2010 - 2011 model year Chevrolet Malibu vehicles. These vehicles were equipped with an ARC front-driver airbag inflator that could overpressurize during airbag deployment and rupture.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** If the front-driver airbag inflator ruptures during deployment, the airbag may not fully inflate, and the release of high-pressured gas may propel pieces of the inflator and airbag module into the occupant compartment, causing or increasing the risk of injury to occupant(s) in a crash.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning NR  
that can Occur :

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

Name : ARC Automotive  
Address : 1729 Midpark Rd D  
Knoxville TENNESSEE 3791  
Country : United States

## Chronology :

On November 30, 2017, an attorney contacted GM and claimed that, on September 22, 2017, the front-driver airbag inflator in a 2011 Chevrolet Malibu ruptured during a crash-related airbag deployment and injured his client. On December 6, 2017, GM reported the allegation to NHTSA under Standing General Orders 2015-01 and 2015-02. To date, GM has filed 13 supplemental General Order reports updating NHTSA on the status of its investigation of the incident.

From November 30, 2017, through December 13, 2018, GM made multiple attempts, through the claimant's attorney and other means, to locate and inspect the vehicle to confirm whether a rupture occurred. GM was not permitted to inspect the vehicle until December 13, 2018, on which date a GM engineer inspected the vehicle and components. Based on that inspection, GM determined that the front-driver airbag inflator in the subject vehicle likely overpressurized and ruptured during deployment.

On December 19, 2018, GM presented the inspection photos and its preliminary analysis to NHTSA. On December 20, 2018, GM's Safety Field Action Decision Authority (SFADA) decided to conduct a safety recall on the ARC inflators built in the suspect manufacturing lot. GM is not aware of other rupture allegations involving this ARC inflator in GM vehicles.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Dealers will replace the front-driver airbag module. Pursuant to 577.11, GM will provide reimbursement to owners for repairs according to the plan submitted on May 19, 2017.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The remedy component does not contain an inflator that was manufactured in the suspect inflator lot.  
Recalled Component Name: Inflator - Airbag  
Recalled Component Part Number: B04667  
Recalled Component Country of Origin: Mexico

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Vehicles produced after 08/24/2010 contain airbag modules without inflators from the suspect lot.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealers were notified on Dec. 21, 2018. Owner notification is planned for Feb. 14, 2019.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : DEC 21, 2018 - DEC 21, 2018

Planned Owner Notification Date : FEB 14, 2019 - FEB 14, 2019

\* NR - Not Reported