

Bulletin No.: PIP4959C

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Service Bulletin

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

Subject: Cold Start Misfires

Models: 2011-2013 Buick Enclave

2011-2013 Buick LaCrosse

2013 Cadillac ATS

2011-2013 Cadillac CTS

2011 Cadillac STS

2011-2013 Cadillac SRX

2013 Cadillac XTS

2011-2013 Chevrolet Camaro

2012-2013 Chevrolet Caprice PPV

2012-2013 Chevrolet Captiva Sport

2011-2013 Chevrolet Equinox

2012-2013 Chevrolet Impala

2011-2013 Chevrolet Traverse

2011-2013 GMC Acadia

2011-2013 GMC Terrain

with 3.0 LF1 or LFW and 3.6 LFX or LLT

This PI was superseded to update model years and models. Please discard PIP4959B.

The following diagnosis might be helpful if the vehicle exhibits the symptom(s) described in this PI.

Condition/Concern

A customer may complain of misfires or roughness on cold start up. There may also be a P0300 code. For this PI to apply the misfires will be limited to 1 or 2 cylinders.

Recommendation/Instructions

Misfires on start up only with high misfire rates always on one cylinder can be suspect for coolant entry at the liner to deck face casting. To inspect for this concern, add coolant dye to the system, run engine through warm up, pressurize the cooling system on a cold soak engine (after being warmed up to operating temperature) and inspect the suspect cylinder with a borescope for coolant dye evidence. At times it may be necessary to remove the head for inspection. It is hard to see the actual source (pin hole) but it usually streams down the liner so that you can see it with a borescope. If this concern is present, do not replace the cylinder head because that will not repair this concern. Call PQC per the latest version of 02-07-30-029, reference this PI and replace the engine.

Please follow this diagnostic or repair process thoroughly and complete each step. If the condition exhibited is resolved without completing every step, the remaining steps do not need to be performed.

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your vehicle will have that condition. See your GM dealer for information on whether your vehicle may benefit from the information.

