



Service Bulletin

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

Subject: Battery Drain During Dinghy Towing

Models: 2010 - 2014 Buick LaCrosse

This PI was superseded to update model years and provide direction for push button ignition vehicles. Please discard PIC5670.

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

Condition/Concern

After several hours of dingy towing (i.e. being towed behind another vehicle with all four wheels on the ground), the vehicle's battery goes completely dead. The reason for this is because the vehicle's transmission must remain in neutral and the ignition mode must remain in "Accessory".

Recommendation/Instructions

2012 - 2014 LaCrosse:

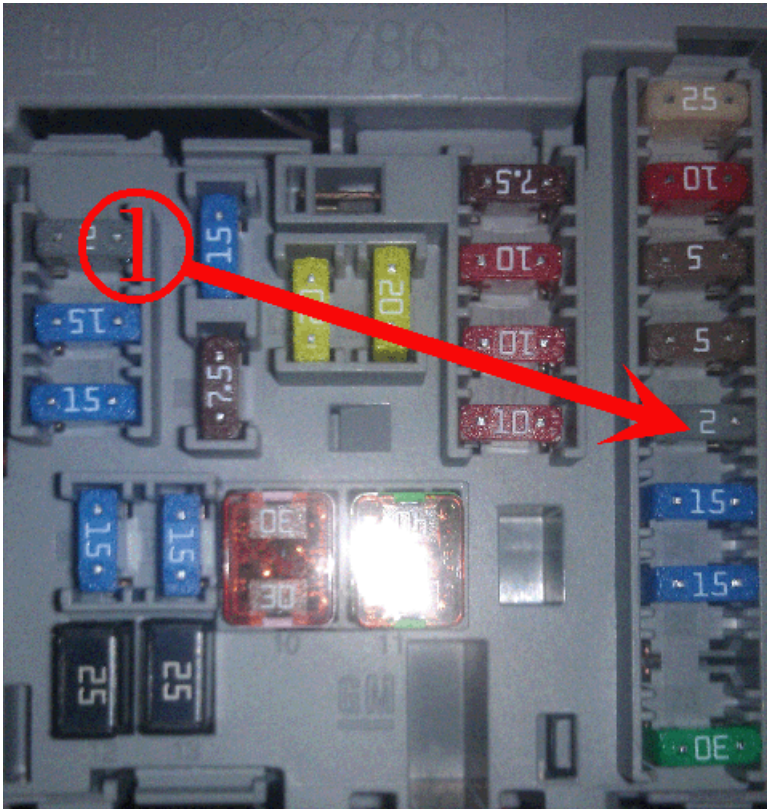
Important: As reflected in the vehicle's owner manual, 2012-14 LaCrosse models should NOT be dinghy towed.

2010 - 2011 LaCrosse:

Although the owner manual for 2010-11 LaCrosse models does not provide guidance, the following procedures should be followed to avoid battery drain during a dinghy tow event.

For Key Ignition Vehicles:

To prevent the battery from draining, you will need to remove Fuse #22 (Discrete Logic Ignition Switch) from the Instrument Panel fuse block.



For Push Button Ignition Vehicles:

To prevent the battery from draining you will need to disconnect the negative battery cable from the battery.

Note: In each of these cases, the vehicle should be securely connected to the tow vehicle and the transmission placed in Neutral before disabling the electrical system.

Customer Information

Please share this information with the customer, including a copy of this message.

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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