Bulletin No.: 12261

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### **PRODUCT SAFETY RECALL**

SUBJECT: Intermittent Airbag Warning Light Illuminated – Replace Steering Wheel

**Airbag Coil** 

MODELS: 2012 Buick Verano

2012 Chevrolet Camaro, Cruze, Sonic

#### **CONDITION**

General Motors has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in **certain** 2012 model year Buick Verano and Chevrolet Camaro, Cruze and Sonic vehicles. Some of these vehicles have a condition in which the shorting bar inside of the dual stage driver's airbag may occasionally contact the primary stage airbag terminals. If contact occurs, the airbag warning light will illuminate. In the event of a crash, if the bar and terminals are contacting each other, the primary stage airbag will not deploy, resulting in increased risk of personal injury.

#### CORRECTION

Dealers are to replace the steering wheel airbag coil, which will eliminate contact between the shorting bar and airbag terminals.

#### VEHICLES INVOLVED

All involved vehicles are identified by Vehicle Identification Number on the Investigate Vehicle History screen in GM Global Warranty Management system. Dealership service personnel should always check this site to confirm vehicle involvement prior to beginning any required inspections and/or repairs. It is important to routinely use this tool to verify eligibility because not all similar vehicles may be involved regardless of description or option content.

For dealers with involved vehicles, a listing with involved vehicles containing the complete vehicle identification number, customer name, and address information has been prepared and will be provided to US and Canadian dealers through the GM GlobalConnect Recall Reports. Dealers will not have a report available if they have no involved vehicles currently assigned.

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.

#### PART INFORMATION

Parts required to complete this recall are to be obtained from General Motors Customer Care and Aftersales (GMCC&A). Please refer to your "involved vehicles listing" before ordering parts. Normal orders should be placed on a DRO = Daily Replenishment Order. In an emergency situation, parts should be ordered on a CSO = Customer Special Order.

Part Number	Description	Quantity/Vehicle
22914038	COIL, STRG WHL AIRBAG (6 CIRCUIT) (Cruze w/o steering wheel controls)	1
22914039	COIL, STRG WHL AIRBAG (12 CIRCUIT) (Cruze w/steering wheel controls)	1
22902363	COIL, STRG WHL AIRBAG (6 CIRCUIT) (Sonic w/o steering wheel controls)	1
22899138	COIL, STRG WHL AIRBAG (14 CIRCUIT) (Sonic & Verano w/steering wheel controls)	1
22899778	COIL, STRG WHL AIRBAG (Verano w/heated wheel)	1
22942867	COIL,STRG WHL AIRBAG (Camaro)	1

#### SERVICE PROCEDURE

- 1. Remove the steering wheel airbag coil. Refer to Steering Wheel Airbag Coil Replacement in SI.
- 2. Install a new steering wheel airbag coil. Refer to Steering Wheel Airbag Coil Replacement in SI.

#### **COURTESY TRANSPORTATION**

The General Motors Courtesy Transportation program is intended to minimize customer inconvenience when a vehicle requires a repair that is covered by the New Vehicle Limited Warranties. The availability of courtesy transportation to customers whose vehicles are within the warranty coverage period and involved in a product program is very important in maintaining customer satisfaction. Dealers are to ensure that these customers understand that shuttle service or some other form of courtesy transportation is available and will be provided at no charge. Dealers should refer to the General Motors Service Policies and Procedures Manual for Courtesy Transportation guidelines.

#### WARRANTY TRANSACTION INFORMATION

Submit a transaction using the table below.

Labor		Labor
Code	Description	Time
V2698	Replace Steering Wheel Airbag Coil	
	- Cruze, Sonic, Verano	0.3
	- Camaro	0.6

#### **CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION**

General Motors will notify customers of this recall on their vehicle (see copy of customer letter included with this bulletin.

## <u>DEALER RECALL RESPONSIBILITY</u> – For US (US 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 RECALL RESPONSIBILITY - All

All unsold new vehicles in dealers' possession and subject to this recall <u>must</u> be held and inspected/repaired per the service procedure of this recall bulletin <u>before</u> customers take possession of these vehicles.

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. A copy of the customer letter is provided in this bulletin for your use in contacting customers. 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.

Dear General Motors Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

General Motors has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2012 model year Buick Verano and Chevrolet Camaro, Cruze and Sonic vehicles. As a result, GM is conducting a safety recall. We apologize for this inconvenience. However, we are concerned about your safety and continued satisfaction with our products.

#### IMPORTANT

- Your vehicle is involved in safety recall 12261.
- Schedule an appointment with your GM dealer.
- This service will be performed for you at no charge.

# Why is your vehicle being recalled?

The shorting bar inside of the dual stage driver's airbag may occasionally contact the primary stage airbag terminals. If contact occurs, the airbag warning light will illuminate. In the event of a crash, if the bar and terminals are contacting each other, the primary stage airbag will not deploy, resulting in increased risk of personal injury.

### What will we do?

Your GM dealer will replace the steering wheel airbag coil, which will eliminate contact between the shorting bar and airbag terminals. This service will be performed for you at **no charge**.

Because of service scheduling requirements, it is likely that your dealer will need your vehicle longer than the actual service correction time of approximately 20 to 40 minutes.

If your vehicle is within the New Vehicle Limited Warranty, your dealer may provide you with shuttle service or some other form of courtesy transportation while your vehicle is at the dealership for this repair. Please refer to your Owner Manual and your dealer for details on courtesy transportation.

# What should you do?

You should contact your GM dealer to arrange a service appointment as soon as possible.

# Do you have questions?

If you have questions or concerns that your dealer is unable to resolve, please contact the appropriate Customer Assistance Center at the number listed below.

Division	Number	Text Telephones (TTY)
Buick	1-800-521-7300	1-800-832-8425
Chevrolet	1-800-222-1020	1-800-833-2438
Guam	65-6267-1752	
Puerto Rico – English	1-800-496-9992	
Puerto Rico – Español	1-800-496-9993	
Virgin Islands	1-800-496-9994	

If after contacting your dealer and the Customer Assistance Center, you are still not satisfied we have done our best to remedy this condition without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1.888.327.4236 (TTY 1.800.424.9153), or go to http://www.safercar.gov. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Campaign ID Number for this recall is 12V522.

Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

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