

GLOBAL SAFETY FIELD INVESTIGATIONS  
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Date: August 23, 2023

Subject: N232398360 - Customer Satisfaction Program  
Loss of OnStar Audio

Models: 2016 Buick Envision

To: All General Motors Dealers

General Motors is releasing Customer Satisfaction Program N232398360 today. The total number of U.S. vehicles involved is approximately 3,465. Please see the attached bulletin for details.

**Customer Letter Mailing**

The customer letter mailing will begin in September 2023.

**Global Warranty Management (GWM)**

The Required Field Action section on the Investigate Vehicle History (IVH) screen will be updated August 23, 2023. A Stock VIN list is not included as our records show there are no vehicles in dealer new inventory.

END OF MESSAGE

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Release Date: August 2023

Revision: 00

**Attention:** This program is in effect until September 30, 2025.

Make	Model	Model Year		RPO	Description
		From	To		
Buick	Envision	2016	2016	UE1	Communication System – Vehicle, OnStar

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.

<b>Condition</b>	Certain 2016 model year Buick Envision vehicles may have a condition where there is a loss of OnStar audio after an over-the-air update.
<b>Correction</b>	Dealers are to reprogram the telematics communication control module.

### Parts

No parts are required for this repair.

### Warranty Information

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Time	Trans. Type	Net Item
9106857*	Verified Module Software or Calibration Level: Module Is Programmed with Same Level Software or Calibration	0.2	ZFAT	N/A
9106858*	Telematics Communication Control Module Reprogramming with SPS	0.3	ZFAT	N/A
9106959	Customer Reimbursement Approved - For USA and Canada dealers only	N/A	ZFAT	**
9106960	Customer Reimbursement Denied – For USA dealers only	N/A	ZFAT	***

**Note:** To avoid having to “H” route the customer reimbursement transaction for wholesale approval, it must be submitted prior to the repair transaction.

\*\* For USA & Canada: Submit the dollar amount reimbursed to the Customer in Net/Reimbursement. Submit \$20.00 USD (\$25.00 CAD) administrative allowance in Net/Admin Allowance.

\*\*\* Submit \$10.00 administrative allowance in Net/Admin Allowance.

**Important:** \* To avoid warranty transaction rejections, carefully read and follow the instructions below:

Labour Time [\[Top\]](#)

Labour Operation Code:

Additional labour op code information:

SPS Warranty Claim Code:

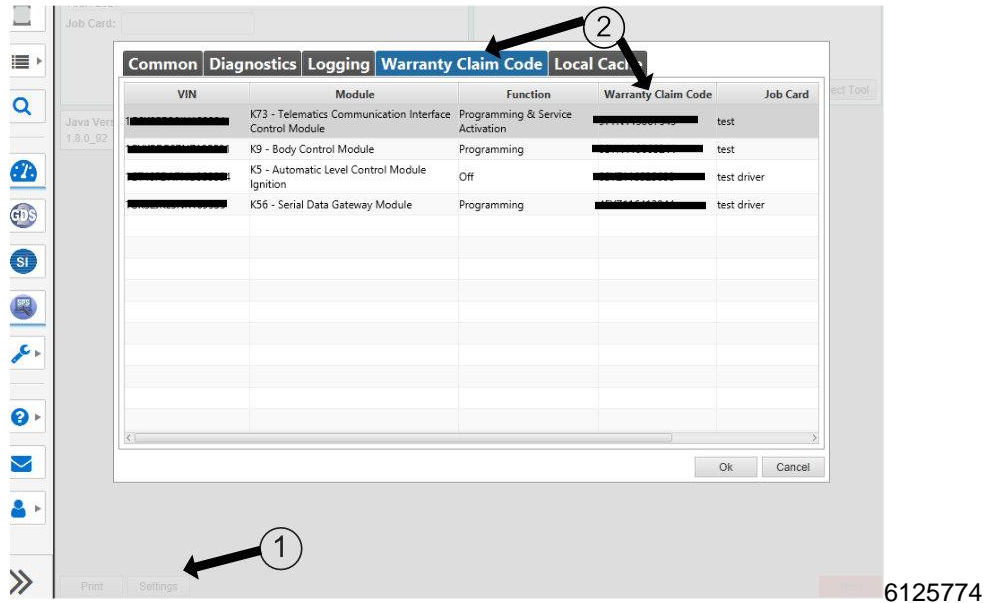
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- The Warranty Claim Code from the programming event must be accurately entered in the “Warranty Claim Code” field of the transaction.
- When more than one Warranty Claim Code is generated for a programming event, it is required to document all Warranty Claim Codes in the “Correction” field on the job card. Dealers must also enter one of the codes in the



“Warranty Claim Code” field of the transaction, otherwise the transaction will reject. It is best practice to enter the FINAL code provided by SPS2.

### Warranty Claim Code Information Retrieval



If the Warranty Claim Code was not recorded on the Job Card, the code can be retrieved in the SPS2 system as follows:

1. Open TLC on the computer used to program the vehicle.
2. Select and start SPS2.
3. Select Settings (1).
4. Select the Warranty Claim Code tab (2).

The VIN, Warranty Claim Code and Date/Time will be listed on a roster of recent programming events. If the code is retrievable, dealers should resubmit the transaction making sure to include the code in the SPS Warranty Claim Code field.

### Service Procedure

**Note:** Carefully read and follow the instructions below.

- Ensure the programming tool is equipped with the latest software and is securely connected to the data link connector. If there is an interruption during programming, programming failure or control module damage may occur.
- Stable battery voltage is critical during programming. Any fluctuation, spiking, over voltage or loss of voltage will interrupt programming. Install a GM Authorized Programming Support Tool to maintain system voltage. Refer to [www.gmdesolutions.com](http://www.gmdesolutions.com) for further information. If not available, connect a fully charged 12V jumper or booster pack disconnected from the AC voltage supply. DO NOT connect a battery charger.
- Follow the on-screen prompts regarding ignition power mode, but ensure that anything that drains excessive power (exterior lights, HVAC blower motor, etc) is off.
- Clear DTCs after programming is complete. Clearing powertrain DTCs will set the Inspection/Maintenance (I/M) system status indicators to NO.

**Important:** The service technician always needs to verify that the VIN displayed in the TLC left side drop down menu and the top center window match the VIN plate of the vehicle to be programmed prior to using Service Programming System 2 (SPS2) for programming or reprogramming a module.

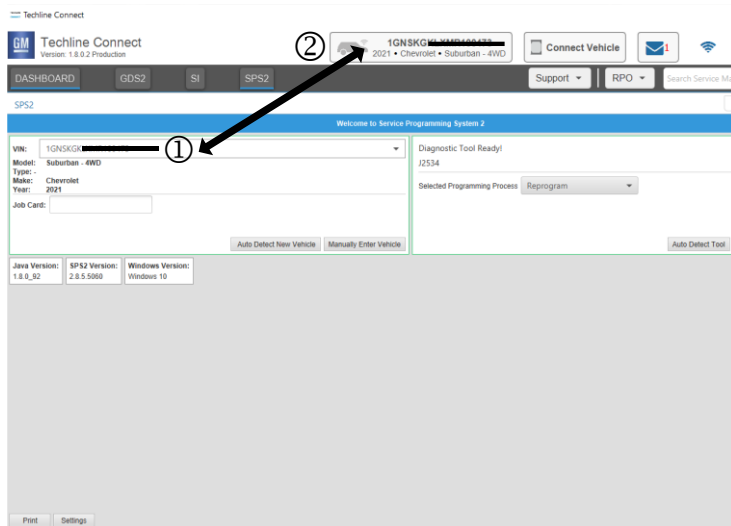
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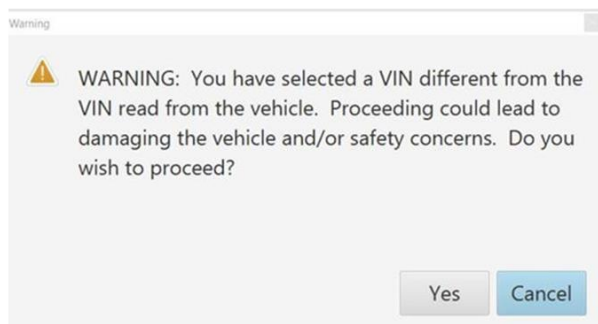
- For the TLC application, service technicians need to always ensure that the power mode (ignition) is “ON” before reading the VIN from the vehicle's VIN master module and that they do not select a VIN that is already in the TLC application memory from a previous vehicle.
- If the VIN that shows up in the TLC top center window after correctly reading the VIN from the vehicle does not match the VIN plate of the vehicle, manually type in the VIN characters from the vehicle VIN plate into the TLC top center window and use these for programming or reprogramming the subject module with the correct vehicle VIN and software and/or calibrations.
- The Engine Control Module (ECM) is the master module (for VIP vehicles) that TLC reads to determine the VIN of the vehicle. If the VIN read from the vehicle by TLC does not match the VIN plate of the vehicle, the ECM also needs to be reprogrammed with the correct VIN, software and calibrations that match the vehicle's VIN plate.
- The Body Control Module (BCM) is the master module (for GEM vehicles) that TLC reads to determine the VIN of the vehicle. If the VIN read from the vehicle by TLC does not match the VIN plate of the vehicle, the BCM also needs to be reprogrammed with the correct VIN, software and calibrations that match the vehicle's VIN plate.

**Caution:** Be sure the VIN selected in the drop down menu (1) is the same as the vehicle connected (2) before beginning programming.



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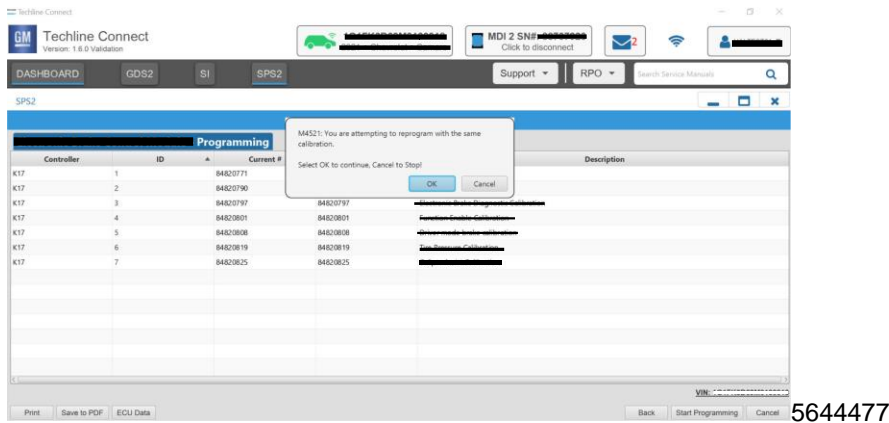
**Important:** If the vehicle VIN DOES NOT match, the message below will be shown.



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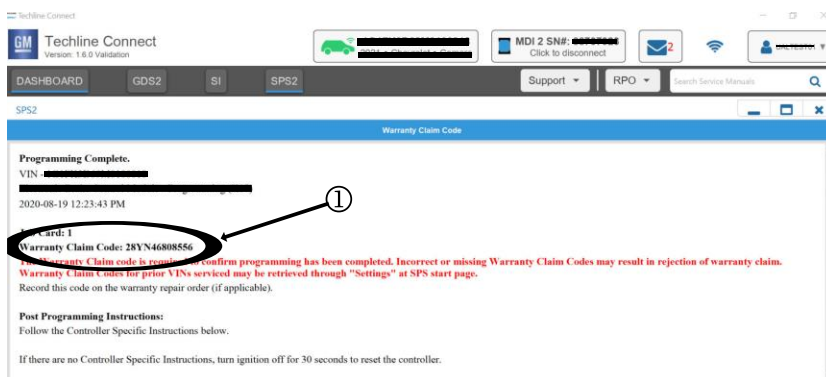
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**Important:** Techline Connect screens shown above.

**Important:** If the same calibration/software warning is noted on the TLC Summary screen, select OK and follow screen instructions. After a successful programming event, the WCC is located in the Service Programming System dialogue box of the SPS Summary screen. No further action is required. Refer to the Warranty section of the bulletin.

1. Reprogram the telematics communication control module. Refer to *Telematics Communication Interface Control Module Programming and Setup* in SI.
  - 1.1. Select “Programming & Service Activation” under “Select Function/Sequence”, click “Next” and follow on-screen instructions.



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**Note:** The screenshot above is an example of module programming and may not be indicative of the specific module that is being programmed. Module selection and VIN information have been blacked out.

**Important:** To avoid warranty transaction rejections, you **MUST** record the warranty claim code provided on the Warranty Claim Code (WCC) screen shown above on the job card. Refer to callout 1 above for the location of the WCC on the screen.

2. Record SPS Warranty Claim Code on job card for warranty transaction submission.

### Dealer Responsibility

All new, used, GM Certified Used, courtesy transportation vehicles, dealer shuttle vehicles, etc. in dealers' possession and subject to this program must be held and inspected/repared 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.

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Dealers are to service all vehicles subject to this program at no charge to customers, regardless of mileage, age of vehicle, or ownership, through September 30, 2025. Customers who have recently purchased vehicles sold from your vehicle inventory, and for which there is no customer information indicated on the involved vehicle 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. Program 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 program enters your vehicle inventory or is in your facility for service through September 30, 2025, you must take the steps necessary to be sure the program correction has been made before selling or releasing the vehicle.

### Dealer Reports – For USA & Export

For dealers with involved vehicles, a listing has been prepared and will be available through GM GlobalConnect Maxis Field Action Reports or sent directly to export dealers. The Inventory tab of the dealer reports will contain VINs that apply to this field action. This information is intended to assist dealers with the **PROMPT COMPLETION** of these vehicles. The Customer In-Service tab will contain customer names and addresses from Motor Vehicle Registration Records. The use of such motor vehicle registration data for any purpose other than follow-up necessary to complete this field action may be a violation of law in several states.

### 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 for courtesy transportation program details.

### Customer Notification

USA & Canada - General Motors will notify customers of this program on their vehicle (see copy of customer letter included with this bulletin).

### Customer Reimbursement

Customer requests for reimbursement of previously paid repairs to correct the condition described in this bulletin are to be submitted to the dealer prior to or by September 30, 2024. See General Motors Service Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 6.1.11 – Product Field Action Customer Reimbursement Procedure (USA & Canada) or local Policies and Procedures, for details.

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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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September 2023

This notice applies to your vehicle, **VIN:** \_\_\_\_\_

Dear General Motors Customer:

We have learned that your 2016 model year Buick Envision may have a condition where there is a loss of OnStar audio after an over-the-air update.

Your satisfaction with your Envision is very important to us, so we are announcing a program to prevent this condition or, if it has occurred, to fix it.

**What We Will Do:** Your GM dealer will reprogram the communication interface module. This service will be performed for you at **no charge until September 30, 2025**. After that, any applicable warranty will apply.

**What You Should Do:** To limit any possible inconvenience, we recommend that you contact your dealer as soon as possible to schedule an appointment for this repair.

**Reimbursement:** Even though you may have previously had repairs for this condition, you will still need to take your vehicle to your dealer for additional repairs. If you have already paid for repairs for the condition described in this letter, please complete the enclosed reimbursement form and present it to your dealer with all required documents. Working with your dealer will expedite your request, however, if this is not convenient, you may mail the completed reimbursement form and all required documents to Reimbursement Department, PO Box 33170, Detroit, MI 48232-5170. The completed form and required documents must be presented to your dealer or received by the Reimbursement Department by September 30, 2024, unless state law specifies a longer reimbursement period

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

For the hearing or speech impaired, please contact our Customer Assistance Center using the Telecommunication Relay Service by dialing 711 then providing the appropriate Customer Assistance Center number for your vehicle.

Division	Number	Text Telephones (TTY)
Buick	1-800-521-7300	711 / 1-800-833-2438
Puerto Rico – English	1-866-467-9700	
Puerto Rico – Español	1-866-467-9700	
Virgin Islands	1-866-467-9700	

We truly appreciate you taking the time to update your vehicle as we know your time is valuable. We want you to know that we will do our best, throughout your ownership experience, to ensure that your Buick Envision provides you many miles of enjoyable driving.

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