



September 18, 2012

Ms. Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE – Room W45-306
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. Lewis:

The following information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 as it applies to a determination by General Motors to conduct a safety related recall for certain 2007 model year Chevrolet Equinox and Pontiac Torrent vehicles originally sold or currently registered in Arizona, California, Nevada, and Texas; 2007 model year Chevrolet Cobalt, Pontiac G5, and Saturn ION vehicles originally sold or currently registered in Arizona, California, Florida, Nevada, or Texas; 2008 model year Chevrolet Cobalt and Pontiac G5 vehicles originally sold or currently registered in Arizona; and 2009 model year Chevrolet Cobalt and Pontiac G5 vehicles originally sold or currently registered in Arkansas, Arizona, California, Nevada, Oklahoma, or Texas.

573.6(c)(1): Chevrolet, Pontiac and Saturn Brands of General Motors Company

573.6(c)(2)(3)(4): This information is shown on the attached sheet.

573.6(c)(5): General Motors has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2007 model year Chevrolet Equinox and Pontiac Torrent vehicles originally sold or currently registered in Arizona, California, Nevada, and Texas; 2007 model year Chevrolet Cobalt, Pontiac G5, and Saturn ION vehicles originally sold or currently registered in Arizona, California, Florida, Nevada, or Texas; 2008 model year Chevrolet Cobalt and Pontiac G5 vehicles originally sold or currently registered in Arizona; and 2009 model year Chevrolet Cobalt and Pontiac G5 vehicles originally sold or currently registered in Arkansas, Arizona, California, Nevada, Oklahoma, or Texas. Some of these vehicles have a condition in which the plastic supply or return port on the fuel pump module may crack, which could cause a fuel leak. The customer may notice a fuel odor while the vehicle is being driven or after it is parked. If the crack becomes large enough, fuel may be observed dripping onto the ground and vehicle performance may be affected. If an ignition source were present, a fire could occur.

573.6(c)(6): In June 2012, the NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Association) contacted GM regarding elevated VOQ's (Vehicle Owner Questionnaires) on 2006-2007 model year Chevrolet Cobalt, Pontiac G5, and Saturn ION vehicles. GM reviewed



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warranty data and determined the condition may also occur on certain 2008-2009 model year Chevrolet Cobalt and Pontiac G5 vehicles.

In July 2011, GM was contacted by a dealer regarding five vans that had leaks at the fuel pump module. Although the warranty rates for the vans were low, this inquiry initiated an investigation that resulted in a read across in October 2011, which included the Chevrolet Equinox and Pontiac Torrent. The Equinox and Torrent warranty data in October 2011, showed some trend, but overall rates were low. A state-by-state analysis, conducted in June 2012, showed higher rates in certain hot weather states.

Both issues entered the FPE process in late July 2012. The issue was presented to the Field Performance Evaluation Review Committee for review, and on September 12, 2012, the Executive Field Action Decision Committee decided to conduct a safety recall.

573.6(c)(8): Dealers are to inspect and, if necessary, replace the fuel pump module.

GM will provide the dealer bulletin and owner letter mail dates when available.

Pursuant to 577.11(e), GM will provide reimbursement to owners for repairs completed on or before ten days after the owner mailing is completed, according to the plan submitted on May 12, 2011.

573.6(c)(10): GM will provide copies of the dealer bulletin and owner letter when available under separate cover.

A special coverage will be implemented for the 2006-2009 model year Chevrolet Cobalt and Pontiac G5; 2006-2007 Saturn Ion; and 2007-2009 model year Chevrolet Equinox and Pontiac Torrent vehicles registered outside of the states identified in 573.6(c)(5) above.

Sincerely,

M. Carmen Benavides, Director

Product Investigations and Safety Regulations

12190 Attachment

VEHICLES POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY MAKE, MODEL, AND MODEL YEAR PLUS INCLUSIVE DATES OF MANUFACTURE

MAKE	MODEL SERIES	MODEL YEAR	NUMBER INVOLVED	INCLUSI MANUFACTUR (FROM)		DESCRIPTIVE INFO. TO PROPERLY IDENT. VEH.	EST. NO. W/CONDITION
IVIAINE	SERIES	ILAN	INVOLVED	(FROM)	(10)	PROPERLI IDENT. VEIT.	WICONDITION
Chevrolet	Α	2007	*	*	*	Cobalt	**
Chevrolet	Α	2008	*	*	*	Cobalt	"
Chevrolet	Α	2009	*	*	*	Cobalt	II .
Chevrolet	L	2007	*	*	*	Equinox	11
Saturn	Α	2007	*	*	*	lon	II
Pontiac	Α	2007	*	*	*	G5	u
Pontiac	Α	2008	*	*	*	G5	"
Pontiac	Α	2009	*	*	*	G5	II .
Pontiac	L	2007	*	*	*	Torrent	11

Estimated GM Total: 40,859

<u>573.6(c)(2)(iv)</u>: The component part that will be replaced to remedy the defect is the fuel pump module supplied by Robert Bosch LLC.

Robert Bosch LLC 38000 Hills Tech Drive Farmington Hills, MI 48331 248-876-1000

The fuel pump module was assembled in Toluca, Mexico.

^{*} GM will provide vehicle populations and production dates after receiving owner information from RL Polk.

^{**} All involved vehicles will be corrected as necessary.