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2004 Chevrolet Monte Carlo 2-Door NHTSA No. C40117

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The purpose of this compliance test was to determine whether the subject vehicle, a 2004 Chevrolet Monte Carlo 2-Door, meets the performance requirements of FMVSS 401, Interior Trunk Release.

The test was conducted in accordance with the U. S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Laboratory Test Procedure TP-401-01.

The test was conducted at a Chevrolet Dealership in Northern Virginia on March 10, 2004 by NHTSA Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance test engineers.

2.0 TEST PROCEDURE AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Based on the test performed, the 2004 Chevrolet Monte Carlo 2-Door, NHTSA No. C40117 appeared to meet the requirements of FMVSS 401.

The vehicle was tested by entering the trunk and closing the lid. The release handle was easily observed in the darkened, enclosed trunk. A force gauge was attached to the release handle and 3 separate attempts were made to exit the trunk by applying a load to the instrument. For each attempt, the trunk released from the single latching position at a force level of approximately 6.8 newtons (1.5 lbs.) or less.

3.0 COMPLIANCE TEST DATA

DATA SHEET 1

FMVSS 401 - VEHICLE DESCRIPTION

VEHICLE MY/MAKE/MODEL 2004/CHEVROLET / MONTE CARLO

BODY STYLE: 2-DOOR

VEH. NHTSA NO.: C40117 ; VIN: 2G1WZ151549338599

DATE OF TEST: 03/10/04 TEST LAB: BY OVSC @ DEALER

GVWR: 2042 KG MANUFACTURED DATE: 02/04

TRUNK LOCATION: REAR X FRONT

If Front, Front Opening? na

NUMBER OF TRUNK LID LATCHING POSITIONS: 1

INTERIOR TRUNK RELEASE: MANUAL X ; AUTOMATIC ;
BOTH

POWER OPERATED CLOSURE: na

OWNER'S MANUAL DESCRIPTION OF TRUNK RELEASE: YES X
NO

REMOVABLE EQUIPMENT DELIVERED IN TRUNK:

- SPARE TIRE: X (SIZE)
- TIRE JACK: X
- LUG WRENCH: X
- TOOL BOX: - (SIZE) -
- PARTITIONS: -
- OTHER: -

REMARKS:

RECORDED BY: SSe DATE: 03/10/04

APPROVED BY: S. Seigel

3.0 DATA SHEETS....Continued

DATA SHEET 2 (1 of 2)

FMVSS 401 - All trunks except for front trunk compartments with front opening hoods

MANUAL TRUNK RELEASE OPERATION

VEHICLE MY/MAKE/MODEL/BODY STYLE: 2004/CHEVROLET/MONTE CARLO/2-DOOR

VEH. NHTSA NO.: C40117_____; VIN: 2G1WZ151549338599

DATE OF TEST: 3/10/04

Method used to actuate interior trunk release: T-shaped grab handle to cable
(Grab handle, Rotating lever, etc.)

Can test personnel enter trunk and be closed within: Yes X No____

If Yes, size of occupant: At least 50th percentile male

Is there access to the trunk compartment by folding down rear seat or partition:
Yes X No_

Does Release Mechanism require electric power: Yes ___ No X

Can release mechanism be easily seen inside the closed trunk: Yes X No____

Describe method used by vehicle manufacturer to ensure that release mechanism is visible in a closed trunk compartment: Phosphorescence
(Phosphorescence, auxiliary lighting, etc)

Describe laboratory test method used to determine visibility of release mechanism: Trunk Entry (Trunk entry, darkened room, etc.)

Vehicle Stationary (0 km/h) **NO KEY IN IGNITION**	Force Required to Release Trunk Lid (Newtons) [no requirement]	Trunk Released from All latching positions	Pass/Fail
Attempt 1	6.8 N - 1.5 pounds	Yes	pass
Attempt 2	4.5 N - 1.0 pounds	Yes	pass
Attempt 3	4.5 N - 1.0 pounds	Yes	pass
Average -	5.3N - 1.2 pounds		

3.0 DATA SHEETS....Continued

DATA SHEET 2 (2 of 2)

FMVSS 401 - MANUAL TRUNK RELEASE OPERATION (continued)

NOTE: Interior Trunk Release is a totally mechanical system with its operation and functioning not dependant upon engine operation or vehicle speed. The release mechanism will function identical to that of the stationary vehicle with the no key in the ignition (as previously tested) and thus the following tests were not required to be conducted.

Vehicle Stationary (0 km/h) **ENGINE IDLING**	Force Required to Release Trunk Lid (Newtons) [no requirement]	Trunk Released from All latching positions	Pass/Fail
Attempt 1			
Attempt 2			
Attempt 3			
Average -			

Vehicle Speed (km/h)	Force Required to Release Trunk Lid (Newtons) [no requirement]	Trunk Released from **All** latching positions	Pass/Fail
10			
20			
30			

Describe method used to propel vehicle:_____

PASS __X__ FAIL_____ REMARKS:

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3.0 DATA SHEETS....Continued

DATA SHEET 3

FMVSS 401 - TEST SUMMARY

	PASS	FAIL	COMMENTS
Automatic or Manual release mechanism inside the trunk compartment. S4.1	X		Manual release lever handle
If manual release, lighting feature is included. S4.2(a)	X		Self Lighting
If automatic release, unlatches trunk lid within 5 minutes. S4.2(b)	na		
Except as provided by S4.3(b), actuation of release mechanism required by S4.1 completely releases trunk lid from all latching positions of the trunk lid latch. S 4.3(a)	X		Single Latch Position Only
For front trunk compartments, front opening hoods, when vehicle is stationary latch releases trunk lid from all locking positions. When moving forward at a speed less than 5km/h, must release the primary latch and may release all latches. At speeds greater than 5km/h must release the primary latch only. S4.3(b)	na		

PASS X FAIL____

REMARKS: RECORDED BY: SSe

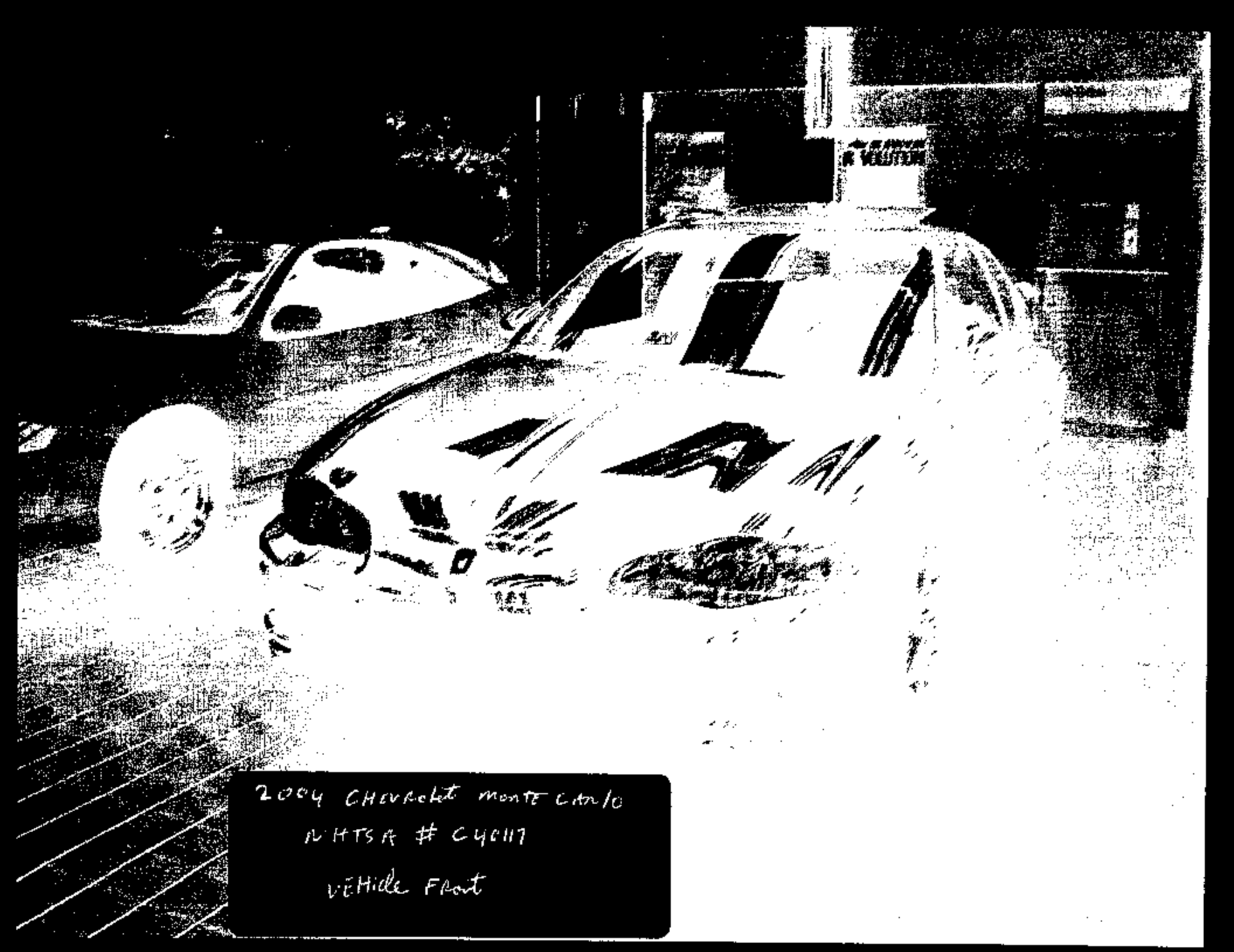
APPROVED BY: S.Seigel

DATE: 3/10/04

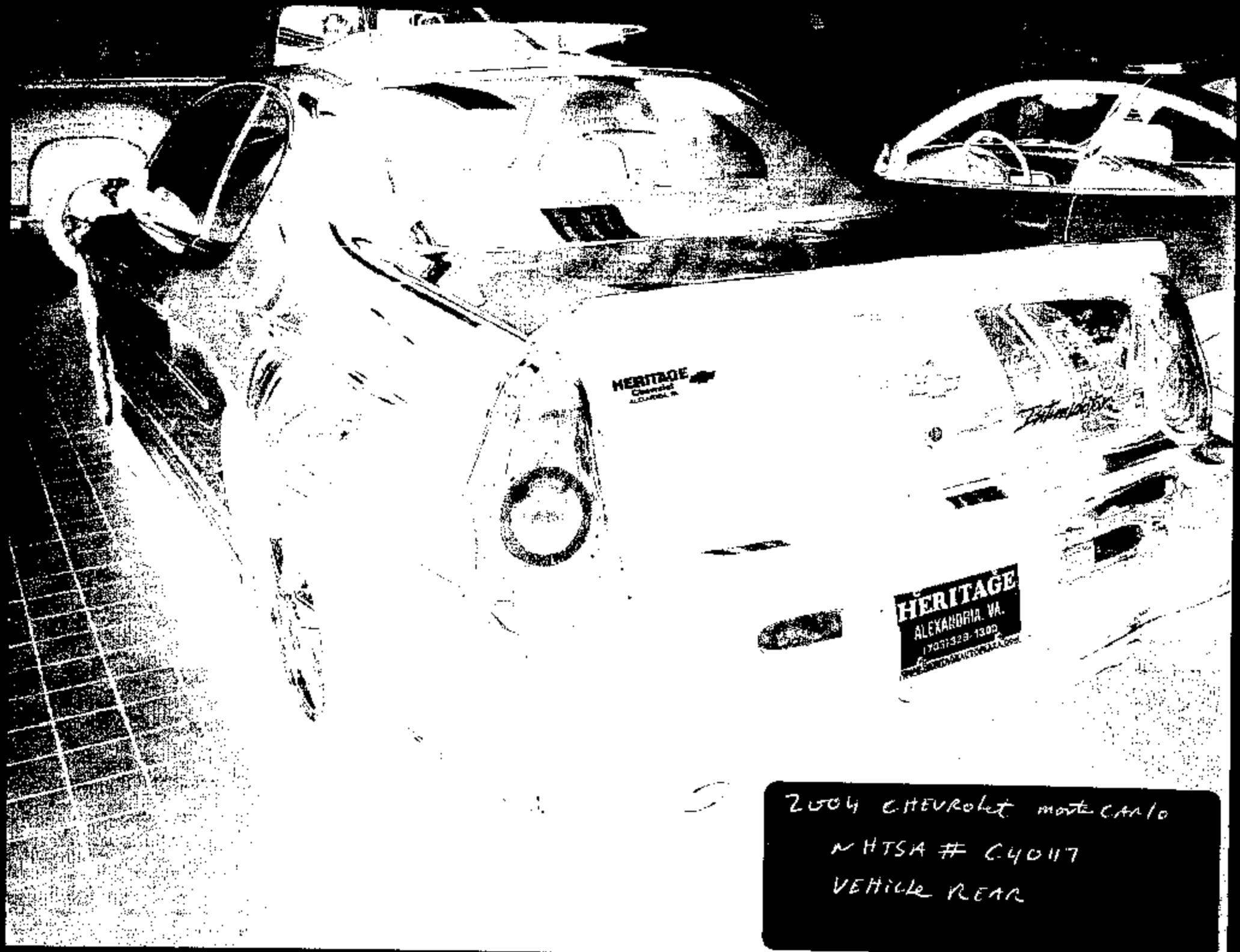
4.0 - Test Equipment List and Calibration Information

EQUIPMENT	DESCRIPTION	MODEL/SERIAL NO.	CALIBRATION DATE	NEXT CAL. DATE
Force Transducer	Viking Jr. Hanson Instrument	Model 890	Manufacturer	Manufacturer

5.0 - Photographs



2004 Chevrolet Monte Carlo
NHTSA # C40117
Vehicle Front



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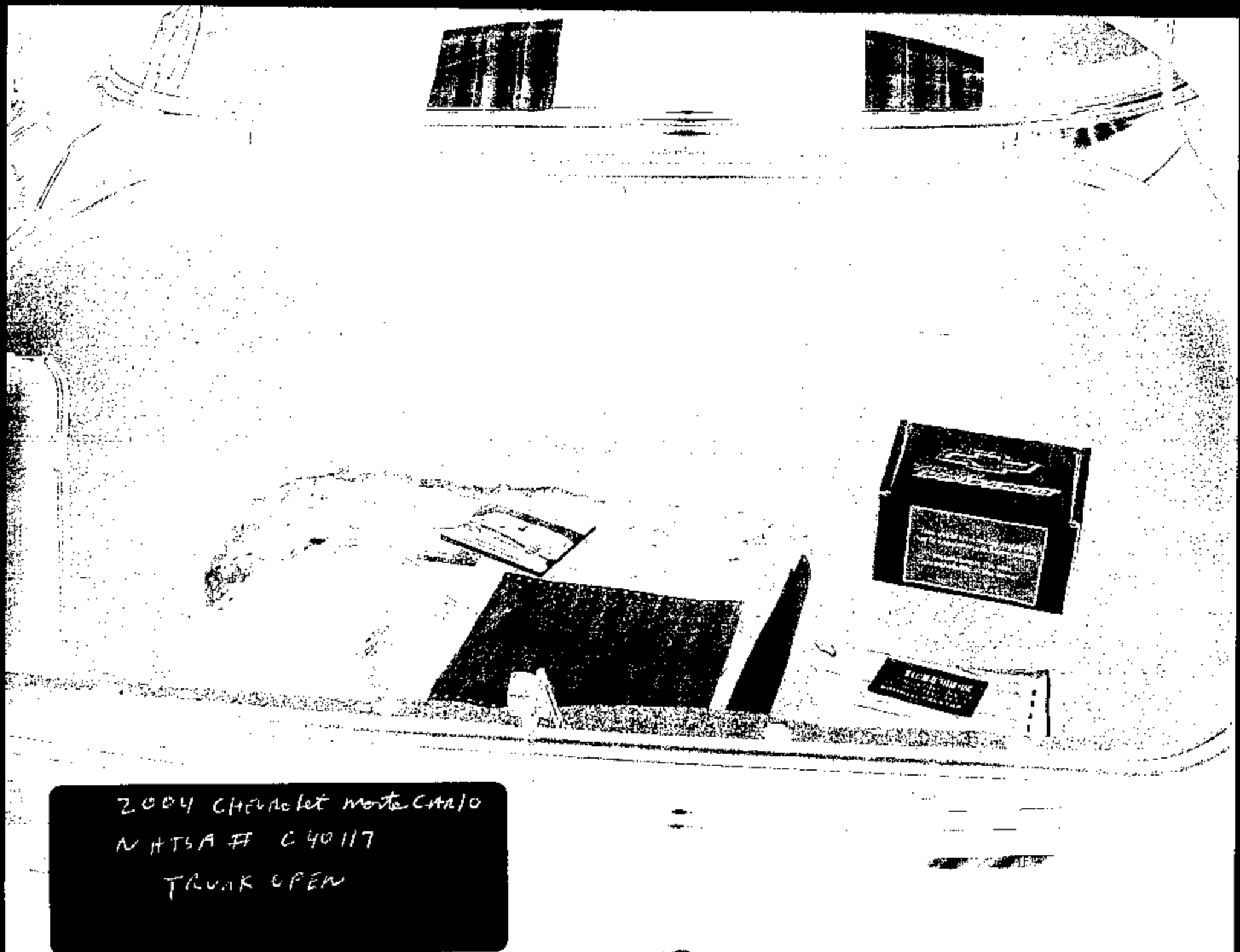
NHTSA # C40117
VEHICLE REAR



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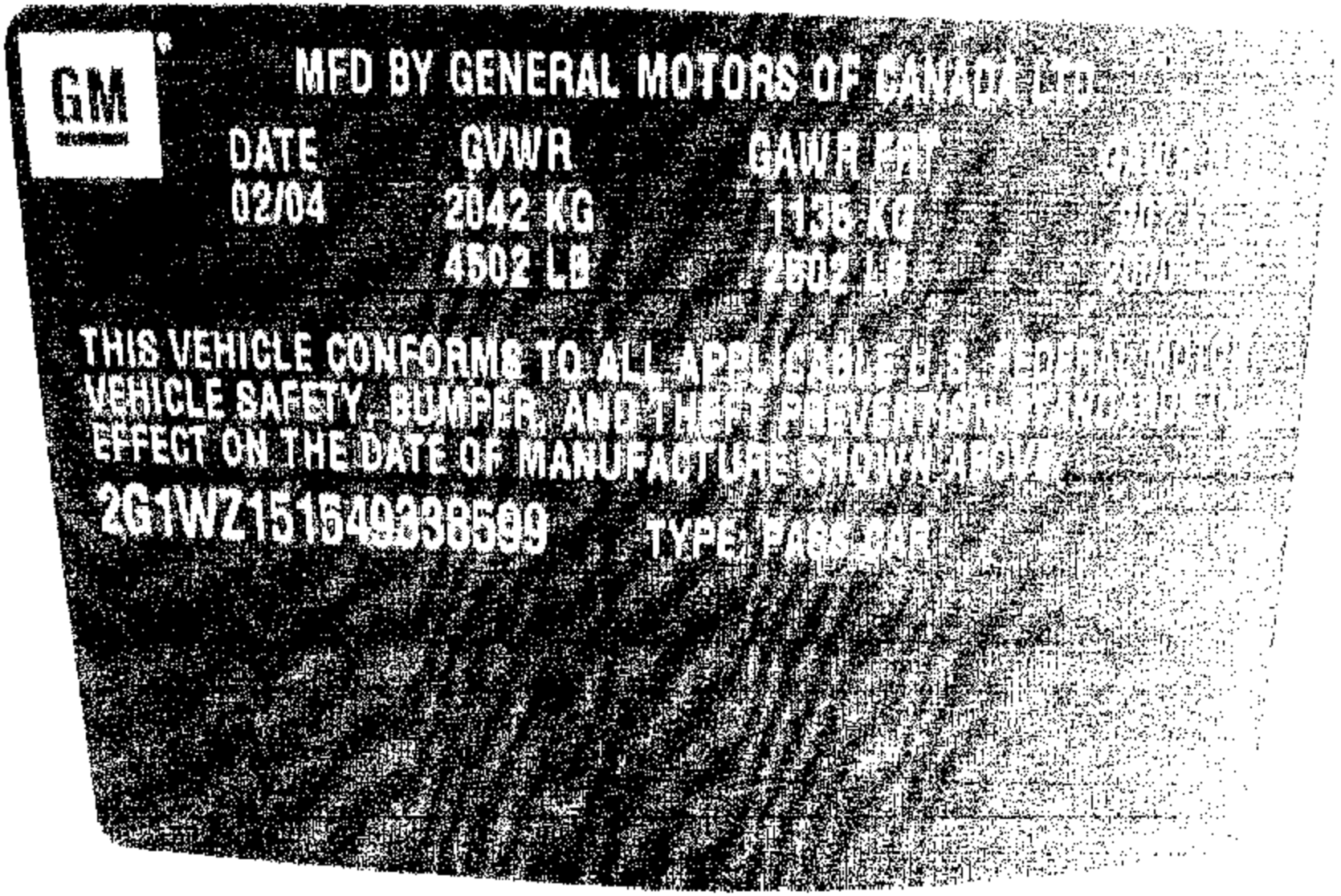
TRUNK OPEN



2004 Chevrolet Montecarlo
NHTSA # C40117
Vehicle Certification Label

2004 Chevrolet Monte Carlo
NHTSA # C40119
TRUNK RELEASE HANDLE

6.0 Vehicle Owner's Manual (applicable pages)

CAUTION:

be dangerous to drive with the trunk (c
ecause carbon monoxide (CO) gas ca
nto your vehicle. You can not see or
O. It can cause unconsciousness an
ath. If you must drive with the trunk (
if electrical wiring or other cable
ons must pass through the seal
the body and the trunk lid:
sure all other windows are shut
the fan on your heating or cooling
m to its highest speed and select
ol setting that will force outside a
our vehicle. See Climate Control
n in the Index.
have air outlets on or under the
nent panel, open them all the way

Exhaust on page 2-28.

Remote

Press [illegible] located on the
[illegible] to release

[illegible] keyless entry
[illegible] device.

[illegible]
[illegible] parking
[illegible] than

Emergency Trunk Release Handle

Notice: Using the emergency trunk release handle as a tie-down or anchor point when securing items in the trunk may damage it. Use the emergency trunk release handle only to help you open the trunk lid.

There is a glow-in-the-dark emergency trunk release handle located on the inside of the trunk lid of your vehicle. This handle will glow following exposure to light. Pull the release handle up to open the trunk from the inside.