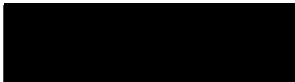




U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**



CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Gay Kent
General Motors Corp.



NVS-217ph
DI07-044

Dear Ms. Kent:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has received information about certain death and injury incidents reported by General Motors (GM) in its light early warning report from 4th quarter of 2006. We are writing to request additional information about the following incidents:

<p>Selected Death and Injury Incidents For Reporting Category: I.</p>
<p>For the following Sequence IDs: 30, 40, 88, 91, 103, 116, 135, 137, 140, 155, 221, 244, 246, 256, 257, 273, 274, 285, 295, 345, 360, 368, 401, 424, 436, 439</p>

Unless otherwise stated in the text, the following definitions apply to these information requests:

Incident: each incident identified in the table above.

Claim and Notice: shall have the meanings stated in 49 CFR §579.4(e). Claim and notice also specifically refer to the claim(s) and notice(s) that are the predicate for the early warning report on the incident.

Manufacturer: refers to GM.

Vehicle: the vehicle produced by GM that is identified in the claim or notice.

Tire: the tire produced by GM that is identified in the claim or notice.



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Equipment: the item of motor vehicle equipment produced by GM that is identified in the claim or notice.

Defect: means any failure, malfunction, lack of durability, or other problem in performance, construction, a component, or material of a motor vehicle or piece of motor vehicle equipment.

Document: “Document(s)” is used in the broadest sense of the word and shall mean all written, typed, graphic and photographic matter whatsoever (except autopsy photographs), be it in original, copy or electronic form. Any photograph originally produced in color must be provided in color and in electronic form, if possible. Furnish all documents whether verified by GM or not. If a document is not in the English language, provide both the original document and an English translation of the document. Document(s) includes all documents in GM custody and/or control.

Please provide numbered responses to the following inquiries, repeating the applicable request verbatim before each response. After GM’s response to each request, identify the source of the information and indicate the last date the information was gathered. When documents are produced, the documents shall be produced in an identified, organized manner that corresponds to each pertinent information request. A separate response must be provided for each incident. Each response, document or attachment must be clearly identified with the incident Sequence ID (SeqID) number.

1. Provide a complete copy of the initial claim or notice document(s) that notified GM of the incident, excluding: (a) medical documents and bills, except those showing the cause of death or injury; (b) property damage invoices or estimates; and (c) documents related to damages.
2. Provide a copy of the Police Accident Report.
3. At your option, provide GM’s assessment of the circumstances that led to the incident including GM’s analysis of the claim and/or notice regarding allegations of a defect.

This letter is being sent to GM pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30166, which authorizes NHTSA to conduct any investigation that may be necessary to enforce Chapter 301 of Title 49 and to request reports and the production of things. It constitutes a new request for information. GM’s failure to respond promptly and fully to this letter could subject GM to civil penalties pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30165 or lead to an action for injunctive relief pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30163. (Other remedies and sanctions are available as well.) Section 5(a) of the TREAD Act, codified at 49 U.S.C. § 30165(b), provides for civil penalties of up to \$5,000 per day, with a maximum of \$16,050,000 for a related series of violations, for failing or refusing to perform an act required under 49 U.S.C. § 30166. *See* 49 CFR 578.6 (as amended by 69 Fed. Reg. 57864 (Sept. 28, 2004)). This includes failing to respond to ODI information requests.

If GM claims that any of the information or documents provided in response to this information request constitute confidential commercial material within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) (4), or are protected from disclosure pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1905, GM must submit supporting information together with the materials that are the subject of the confidentiality request, in accordance with 49 CFR Part 512, as amended (69 Fed. Reg. 21409 et seq; April 21, 2004), to the Office of Chief Counsel (NCC-110), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, [REDACTED]

Your response to this letter, together with a copy of any confidentiality request, must be submitted to this office by **June 8, 2007**. Please include in your response the identification codes referenced on page one of this letter. If you are unable to provide all of the information requested within the time allotted, you must request an extension from me at [REDACTED], no later than five business days before the response due date. If all of the information requested by the original deadline is unavailable, you must submit a partial response by the original deadline with whatever information then is available, even if an extension is granted.

If you have any technical questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Leo Yon at [REDACTED] or by fax at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]
Christina Morgan, Chief
Early Warning Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement



June 7, 2007

Ms. Christina Morgan, Chief
Early Warning Division
Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
[REDACTED]

NVS-217ph
DI07-044

Dear Ms. Morgan:

This is General Motors' (GM) response to your inquiry dated May 7, 2007 regarding certain death and injury incidents reported by GM in its light vehicle early warning report from 4th quarter of 2006.

GM's response is comprised of 29 CDs for the incidents that are the subject of DI07-044.

Attachment "A" includes instructions for navigating the CD. Each CD, on its face, is identified by the NHTSA Sequence ID number, the Manufacturer's Unique ID number and the year, make and model of the vehicle involved in the incident, e.g., 256 210873110 - 625130 and 2004 Chevrolet Suburban 1500. When the CD is launched, this identification number appears again along with all of the documents (including photographs and videos) on the CD listed under "Filename." The first document listed under Filename is an index with the Request and Responses, e.g., identified as 256 210873110 - 625130 **_00_Request and Responses**. The index is numbered 1 through 3 to correspond to Inquiries 1 through 3, which are repeated verbatim below. The index also details whether any documents responsive to each inquiry were located.

For example, the first two Inquiries and Responses in the index for the CD are as follows:

DI07-044
256 210873110 - 625130
2004 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 1500

Request for Information:

1. Provide a complete copy of the initial claim or notice document(s) that notified GM of the incident, excluding: (a) medical documents and bills, except those showing the cause of death or injury; (b) property damage invoices or estimates; and (c) documents related to damages.

Response: See Attached Document.

2. Provide a copy of the Police Accident Report.

Response: See Attached Document.

The remaining documents listed under Filename, reference the Manufacturer's Unique ID number along with the responsive Inquiry number. For example:

- 256 210873110 - 625130 **_01_1** - is the first document responsive to Inquiry no. 1.
256 210873110 - 625130 **_02_1** - is the first document responsive to Inquiry no. 2.

Your inquiries and our corresponding replies are as follows:

1. Provide a complete copy of the initial claim or notice document(s) that notified GM of the incident, excluding: (a) medical documents and bills, except those showing the cause of death or injury; (b) property damage invoices or estimates; and (c) documents related to damages.

Response: See Attached Document.

The table below lists the incidents that are the subject of DI07-044, by Reporting Category, Sequence ID, VIN and type of notice received by GM (as "notice" is commonly used, not as it is defined by 49 C.F.R. §579.4(c)). Incidents reported on GM's Early Warning Report Death and Injury worksheet fall into four categories: Lawsuit (LIT), NISM (Not In Suit Matters), Product Allegation Resolution (PAR), or Rumor (RMR). Lawsuit and NISM case types generally meet the §579.4(c) definition of "claim." PAR cases, in this context, refer to customer contacts in which an injury or fatality is alleged to have occurred as a result of a product defect, and are accompanied by a writing that may or may not meet the §579.4(c) definition of "claim" or "notice." Rumor incidents do *not* involve a written or verbal, implied or express allegation of a defect by a customer. Rather, rumor cases generally refer to incidents that GM learned of through the media, which were subsequently investigated further. As such, the document included in response to Inquiry 1 that can be found on the enclosed CD for the PAR and Rumor case listed in the table, may not be a claim or notice of the type generally defined as such by §579.4(c).

<i>(26 Vehicles from the Light Vehicle Template)</i>		
SEQUENCE ID	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN)	TYPE
30	1G6DP577770107881	NISM
40	1G6KD54Y05U185793	NISM
88	1G1AK52F657565454	RUMOR
91	1G1AK52F957604280	RUMOR
103	1G1AL15F877158420	NISM
116	1GNFG15T851205704	LIT
135	2G1WH52K349385234	NISM
137	2G1WH52K249216628	NISM
140	2G1WF52E159355280	LIT
155	1G1ND52J83M524239	NISM
221	2GCEC19T041107821	LIT
244	1GCHK29U23E306493	LIT
246	1GCHK23225F900750	LIT
256	1GNFK16T74J239113	LIT
257	3GNFK16T64G313428	RUMOR
273	1GNEC13V74J269971	LIT
274	1GNEC13TX5R108595	LIT
285	1GNDS13S822427780	LIT
295	1GNDT13S542353931	RUMOR
345	1GTEC14T74Z155041	LIT
360	1GKEC16Z14R309863	LIT
368	5GTDN136468106799	RUMOR
401	1G2ZG58B574135701	NISM
424	2G2WP552661242984	RUMOR
436	1G8AJ52F14Z167768	LIT
439	1G8AJ55F96Z101063	NISM