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Service Bulletin

File In Section: 03 - Suspension

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TECHNICAL

Subject: Tire Slowly Goes Flat and/or Excessive Wheel Vibration
(Replace Wheels with New Heavy Duty Rim Version)

Models: 1999-2003 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Series Pickup Models
1999-2003 GMC Sierra 1500 Series Pickup Models
with 6-Bolt, 16 X 6.5 Full Face Steel Wheel (Base and RPO PY2)

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Condition

Some customers may comment on a tire that slowly goes flat and/or excessive wheel vibration. This condition is more apparent on vehicles in which customer usage typically involves frequent severe conditions such as:

- High load (at or above gross vehicle weight)
- Rough road/off road usage
- Fleet/Commercial usage

Cause

The wheel may experience a crack or split in the outboard bead seat weld area. A weld attaches the rim and disc together on full-face wheels in this area. To identify this wheel, it is offered in a silver painted version, P/N 9593915, code "TZA" and a chrome-clad version, P/N 9593150, code "RSC" (these codes are stamped into the wheel's disc near the bolt holes).

Correction

A new heavy-duty rim version of these wheels has been released for service. The new heavy-duty painted wheel is P/N 9595245, code "FFU" used as a road wheel and spare. The new heavy-duty chrome clad version is P/N 9595308, code "FFW" used as a road wheel only (these codes are stamped into the inboard rim flange balance weight area, and are also on a sticker near the bolt holes). If a condition of a crack or split as described above occurs, all (5) five of the original wheels on the vehicle should be replaced with the new heavy-duty wheels.

Parts Information

Part Number	Description
9595245	Wheel Asm. (Painted)
9595308	Wheel Asm. (Chrome Clad)

Parts are expected to be available January 13, 2003 from GMSPO.

Warranty Information

For vehicles repaired under warranty, use:

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Time
E0420	Wheel - Replace	0.5 hr
Add	To Replace Each Additional	0.3 hr

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