

July 13, 2022

Ms. Sabrina Groshek Executive Director, Global Systems & Product Investigation General Motors, LLC General Motors Company 29427 Louis Chevrolet Road Warren, MI 48093-2350

Subject: Loss of Power Brake Assist/FMVSS 135

Dear Ms. Groshek:

This letter serves to acknowledge General Motors, LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years: BUICK/REGAL/2018-2020

Mfr's Report Date: June 30, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-465

# **Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC: POWER ASSIST: ELECTRIC: CONTROL MODULE: SOFTWARE SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC: POWER ASSIST: VACUUM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 23,734

# **Problem Description:**

General Motors, LLC (GM) is recalling certain 2018-2020 Buick Regal vehicles. In the event of a vacuum-power brake assist failure, a software error in the electronic brake control module (EBCM) may result in a loss of power brake assist. As such, these vehicles fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 135, "Light vehicle brake systems."

# **Consequence:**

A loss of power brake assist can extend the distance required to stop the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

# **Remedy:**

Dealers will update the EBCM software, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed August 15, 2022. Owners may contact Buick's customer service at 1-800-521-7300.

# Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.nhtsa.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:



1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

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You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of eight consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

General Motors, LLC's contact for this recall will be DeMara Magruder who may be reached by email at demara.magruder@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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Alex Ansley Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation Enforcement

