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GM SERVICE AND PARTS OPERATIONS
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DATE: February 10, 2003

SUBJECT: 03004 FMVSS NONCOMPLIANCE RECALL
LEFT REAR DOOR UPPER HINGE WELD

MODELS: 2003 CHEVROLET TAHOE, SUBURBAN
2003 GMC YUKON
2003 CADILLAC ESCALADE
BUILT AT ARLINGTON ASSEMBLY PLANT

TO: ALL CHEVROLET, GMC AND CADILLAC DEALERS

ATTN: PARTS MANAGER, SERVICE MANAGER, AND
WARRANTY ADMINISTRATOR

CONDITION

General Motors has decided that certain 2003 model year Chevrolet Tahoe and Suburban; GMC Yukon; and Cadillac Escalade vehicles built at Arlington Assembly Plant fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 214, "Side Impact Protection." These vehicles are built with four welds on the rear door upper hinge. On some of these vehicles, one or two of the welds may not be to specification. As a result, the door strength may be degraded during a side impact vehicle crash.

CORRECTION

Dealers are to inspect the welds on the left rear door upper hinge. If a weld is found out-of-specification, a bolt will be installed to secure the hinge.

VEHICLES INVOLVED

Involved are the 2003 modal year Chevrolet Tahoe and Suburban, GMC Yukon, and Cadillac Escalade vehicles built at Arlington Assembly Plant and listed below.

YEAR	DIVISION	MODEL	PLANT	FROM	THROUGH
2003	Chevrolet	Tahoe/Suburban	Arlington	3R167156	3R168151
2003	GMC	Yukon	Arlington	3R167111	3R168056
2003	Cadillac	Escalade	Arlington	3R167104	3R168017

IMPORTANT: Dealers should confirm vehicle eligibility through GMVIS (GM Vehicle Inquiry System) before beginning recall repairs.

MAILING INFORMATION

Dealer Mailing will begin on February 10, 2003.
Owner Mailing will begin on February 17, 2003.

GMVIS INFORMATION

GMVIS information will be available on February 11, 2003.

END OF MESSAGE

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