

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION  
REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 00V-054 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

FEB 29 2000

Part 573 Report Date: February 25, 2000

MANUFACTURER: General Motors Corporation (GM)

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Mr. Frank C. Sonye, Jr.  
Director, Product Investigations

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**SUBJECT: 1,462 GM 2000 Chevrolet and GMC C3500 HD chassis cabs manufactured from August through September 1999. The tapered hole in the drag link end that attaches to the pitman arm tapered ball stud may be machined too deep causing the hole to be oversized. A drag link with an oversized hole may not "seat" the pitman arm tapered ball when assembled. This could cause higher than normal friction between components during operation, and possibly result in joint separation or a broken ball stud. If the joint separated or the ball stud brake while the vehicle was moving, steering control would be lost. GM Recall No. 00008.**

This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

We have reviewed your owner notification letter draft and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification was expected to occur during March 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by April 30, 2000.

If you have any questions, please call:



Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst on (202) 366-5232 or  
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Dear Mr. Sonye:

We have reviewed General Motors Corporation's (GM) Defect Information Report dated February 25, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 1,462 GM 2000 Chevrolet and GMC C3500 HD chassis cabs manufactured from August through September 1999. The tapered hole in the drag link end that attaches to the pitman arm tapered ball stud may be machined too deep causing the hole to be oversized. A drag link with an oversized hole may not "seat" the pitman arm tapered ball when assembled. This could cause higher than normal friction between components during operation, and possibly result in joint separation or a broken ball stud. If the joint separated on the ball stud brake while the vehicle was moving, steering control would be lost. The assigned recall identification number for this recall is 00V-054 (GM Safety Recall No. 00008).

**GM is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.**

#### Quarterly Status Reports

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification began March 24, 2000. Since this was so close to the end of the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by July 30, 2000.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

JSJ

Jonathan D. White, Chief  
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