

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

Assigned Recall No. 00V-228.002 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: August 17/October 4, 2000

Manufacturer: Mazda North American Operations

Manufacturer Contact: Mr. David G. Robertson, Manager
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SUBJECT: 460 Mazda 2000 B-Series pickup trucks equipped with TRW seat belt buckle assemblies, manufactured from May 3 through May 16, 2000. The buckle base of these seat belt assemblies were not properly heat treated and therefore do not pass the load bearing requirement of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies." Mazda Safety Recall No. 95010.

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.

In accordance with Part 577, amended July 7, 1995, a draft owner notification letter must be submitted for review prior to mailing.

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 is expected to begin during November 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by January 30, 2001.

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) Noncompliance Information Report dated August 17, and supplemental information dated December 6, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 133,818 GM 2000-2001 Buick Century, Regal, Chevrolet Lumina, Impala, Monte Carlo, Venture, Blazer, S10, T10, GMC Jimmy, Oldsmobile Intrigue, Silhouette, Pontiac Grand Prix, Montana, and Saturn L-Series passenger vehicles, light duty trucks, sport utility vehicles, and mini vans equipped with TRW seat belt buckle assemblies and manufactured from April through May 2000. The buckle base of these seat belt assemblies were not properly heat treated and therefore do not pass the load bearing requirement of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies." The assigned recall identification number for this recall is 00V-228.003 (GM Safety Recall No. 00067).

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 follow-up reports, owner notification began December 27, 2000. Since this is at the end of the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by April 30, 2001.

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

Sincerely,


Jonathan D. White, Chief
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