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Dear Mr. Sonye:

We have reviewed General Motors Corporation's (GM) Defect Information Report dated November 10, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 12 GM 2000-2001 Chevrolet Impala, Buick Regal and Century model vehicles manufactured from February through July 2000. Some of these vehicles exhibit a condition in which the driver side impact air bag inflator separates from the air bag module during deployment. The assigned recall identification number for this recall is 00V-371 (GM Safety Recall No. 00090).

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. Owner notification was expected to begin during December 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report is due by January 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
Recall Analysis Division
Office of Defects Investigation
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**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION
REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 00V-371 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: **November 10, 2000**

MANUFACTURER: **General Motors Corporation (GM)**

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

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SUBJECT: 12 GM 2000-2001 Chevrolet Impala, Buick Regal and Century model vehicles manufactured from February through July 2000. Some of these vehicles exhibit a condition in which the driver side impact air bag inflator separates from the air bag module during deployment. GM Recall No. 00090.

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 draft owner notification 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 letter, owner notification is expected to begin during December 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
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