

GM SERVICE AND PARTS OPERATIONS  
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Date: May 23, 2006  
Subject: 05113A - Product Safety Recall  
Safety Belt Buckle Inoperative  
Models: 2003-2006 Chevrolet Express  
2003-2006 GMC Savana  
To: All Chevrolet and GMC Dealers  
Attention: Service Manager, Parts Manager and Warranty Administrator

**PRODUCT FIELD ACTION ANNOUNCEMENT**

General Motors is announcing Product Safety Recall 05113A today. The total number of vehicles involved is 474,901. Please see the attached bulletin for details.

DUE TO PART AVAILABILITY THIS RECALL IS BEING ADMINISTERED IN PHASES. THE FIRST PHASE MAILING WAS RELEASED VIA BULLETIN 05113 DATED MARCH 2006. THIS PHASE FACILITATES THE MAILING OF CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION LETTERS FOR THE BALANCE OF THE INVOLVED VEHICLE POPULATION. PLEASE DISCARD ALL COPIES OF BULLETIN 05113.

**Mailing Information**

Customer notification letter mailing will begin on May 30, 2006.

**GM Vehicle Inquiry System (GMVIS)**

GMVIS information will be available on May 23, 2006.

**Service Information System (SI)**

Bulletin 05113A is scheduled to be available on May 24, 2006.

**Campaign Initiation Detail Report (CIDR)**

The CIDR will be available in GM DealerWorld on May 23, 2006.

PLEASE DOUBLE CLICK ON THE ICON BELOW  
THEN SINGLE CLICK ON THE LAUNCH BUTTON  
TO VIEW OR PRINT THE BULLETIN

(See attached file: 05113A bulletin.pdf)

END OF MESSAGE  
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# Recall Bulletin



## PRODUCT SAFETY RECALL

**SUBJECT:** SAFETY BELT BUCKLE INOPERATIVE

**MODELS:** 2003-2006 CHEVROLET EXPRESS  
 2003-2006 GMC SAVANA

**DUE TO PART AVAILABILITY THIS RECALL IS BEING ADMINISTERED IN PHASES. THE FIRST PHASE INCLUDED A PORTION OF CANADIAN VEHICLES. THIS LAST PHASE INCLUDES THE BALANCE OF THE INVOLVED POPULATION. PLEASE DISCARD ALL VERSIONS OF BULLETIN 05113, ISSUED MARCH 2006.**

### CONDITION

General Motors has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in **certain** 2003-2006 Chevrolet Express and GMC Savana vehicles. Some of these vehicles have safety belt buckles that may not latch or unlatch. If a safety belt buckle does not latch, that seating position should not be used and another seating position should be used if possible. If a safety belt buckle does not unlatch, it may require cutting of the belt to release the occupant. Occupants in a vehicle should always wear a safety belt or an increased risk to personal injury can occur in the event of a vehicle crash.

### CORRECTION

Dealers are to inspect the safety belt buckles and replace either the buckle cover or the entire buckle assembly.

### VEHICLES INVOLVED

Involved are **certain** 2003-2006 Chevrolet Express and GMC Savana vehicles built within these VIN breakpoints:

YEAR	DIVISION	MODEL	FROM	THROUGH
2003	Chevrolet	Express	31100003	31238955
2004	Chevrolet	Express	41100001	41248485
2005	Chevrolet	Express	51100001	51269726
2006	Chevrolet	Express	61100002	61156911
2003	GMC	Savana	31100002	31905189
2004	GMC	Savana	41100002	41914037
2005	GMC	Savana	51100003	51913350
2006	GMC	Savana	61100021	61156506

**IMPORTANT:** Dealers should confirm vehicle eligibility through **GMVIS** (GM Vehicle Inquiry System) prior to beginning recall repairs. [Not all vehicles within the above breakpoints may be involved.]

For US and Canada: For dealers with involved vehicles, a Campaign Initiation Detail Report (CIDR) containing the complete vehicle identification number, customer name and address data has been prepared and will be loaded to the GM DealerWorld (US) Recall Information, GMinfoNet (Canada) Recall Reports. Dealers will not have a report available if they have no involved vehicles currently assigned.

For Export: For dealers with involved vehicles, a Campaign Initiation Detail Report containing the complete vehicle identification number, customer name and address data has been prepared, and is being furnished to involved dealers. Dealers will not receive a report with the recall bulletin if they have no involved vehicles currently assigned.

The Campaign Initiation Detail Report may contain customer names and addresses obtained from Motor Vehicle Registration Records. The use of such motor vehicle registration data for any purpose other than follow-up necessary to complete this recall is a violation of law in several states/provinces/countries. Accordingly, you are urged to limit the use of this report to the follow-up necessary to complete this recall.

## PARTS INFORMATION

### Parts Pre-Ship Information – For US and Canada

**Important:** Since 90% of all vehicles will require part number 19149482, pewter seat belt covers, an initial supply of this part number will be pre-shipped to involved dealers of record. This pre-shipment is scheduled to begin the week of May 15, 2006, will be approximately 10% of each dealer's involved vehicles. Pre-shipped parts will be charged to dealer's open parts account.

Additional parts, if required, are to be obtained from General Motors Service Parts Operations (GMSPO). Please refer to your "involved vehicles listing" before ordering parts. Normal orders should be placed on a DRO = Daily Replenishment Order. In an emergency situation, parts should be ordered on a CSO = Customer Special Order.

Part Number	Description	Quantity/Vehicle
19149481	Cover, Seat Belt Tr (Bkl Si) (Neutral)	As Req'd.
19149482	Cover, Seat Belt Tr (Bkl Si) (Pewter)	As Req'd.

## SERVICE PROCEDURE

### **Seat Belt Buckle Inspection Procedure**

**Important:** This procedure is to be performed on seat belts without a pre-tensioner. Seat belts with a pre-tensioner are not involved.

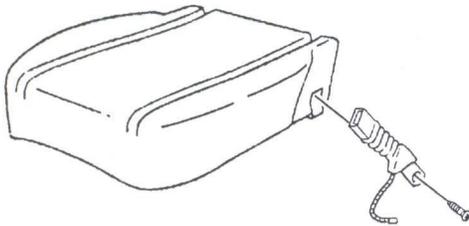
1. Install the seat belt latch into the buckle on the front driver's seat, if applicable.

2. Check for proper latching and unlatching.
  - If the seat belt buckle will not latch or unlatch, the buckle assembly requires replacement.
  - If the seat belt buckle latches and unlatches correctly, the seat belt buckle cover requires replacement.
3. Repeat Steps 1 and 2 for all remaining non-pre-tensioner seat belts.

### **Seat Belt Buckle Assembly Replacement**

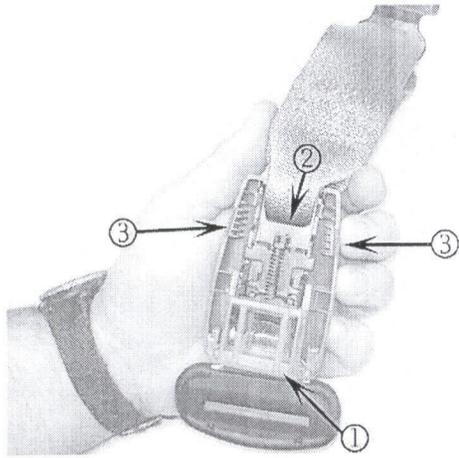
1. Refer to the appropriate SI Document for replacement instructions:
  - Front Seat Belt Buckle Replacement - SI Document # 543897
  - Rear Seat Belt Buckle Replacement - SI Document # 543905

### **Seat Belt Buckle Cover Replacement**



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1. On front seats, lift the buckle sleeve at the bottom to expose the bolt.
2. On front seats, remove the seat belt buckle retaining bolt from the seat.
3. On front seats, disconnect the buckle sensor wire.
4. On front seats, slide the buckle sleeve down to expose the buckle.
5. Insert the latch into the buckle and leave it inserted throughout the cover replacement procedure.

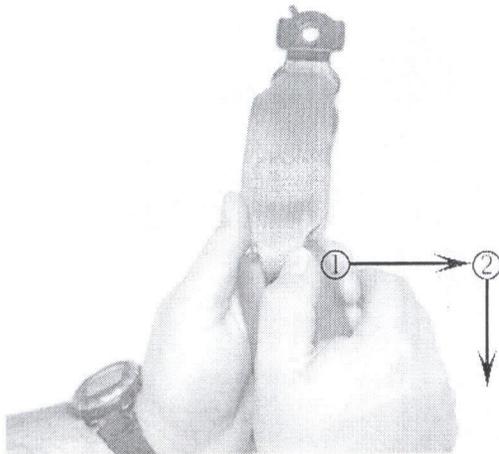


(Buckle shown with cover removed for clarity.)

- 1 - Front of Buckle
- 2 - Rear of Buckle
- 3 - Clip Location

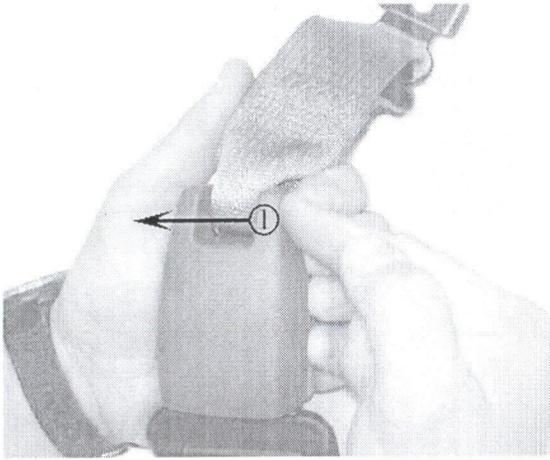
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6. Remove the buckle cover.



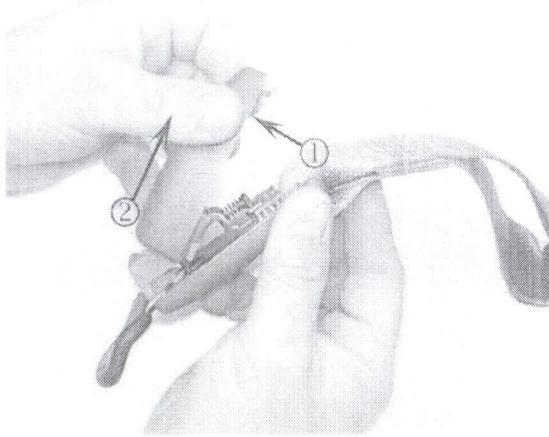
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- 6.1 Holding the lower half of the buckle in one hand, put the thumb of the opposite hand in the area where the belt loops through the buckle.
- 6.2 Using the thumb, push the cover over and then up and away from the lower half; the clip should release.



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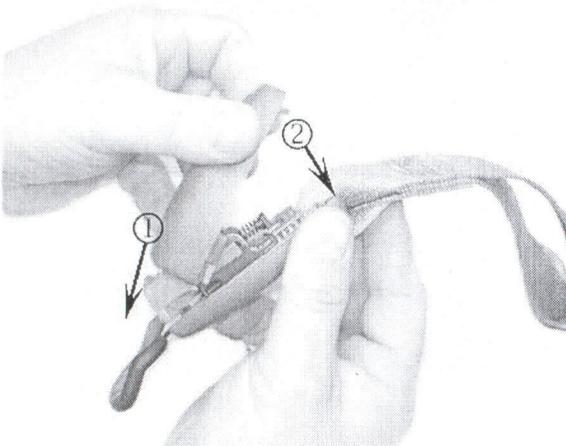
6.3 Push the cover in the opposite direction to release the other side.



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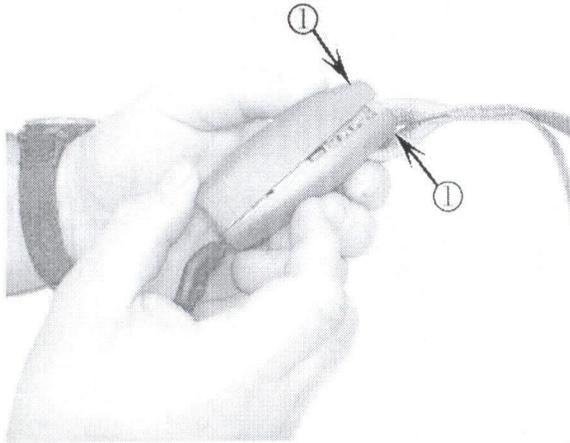
6.4 Lift the back of the cover to disengage the front.

7. Install the new cover.



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7.1 Engage the end near the red pushbutton.



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- 7.2 Press down firmly on the back end to fasten the cover; you should hear an audible click.
- 7.3 Inspect for complete seating and flushness of the mating seams of the upper and lower cover.
8. Remove, insert, and remove the latch from the buckle a second time to ensure proper operation.
9. On front seats, slide the buckle sleeve back into place.
10. On front seats, reconnect the buckle sensor wire.
11. On front seats, install the seat belt buckle retaining bolt to the seat.

**Tighten**

Tighten the seat belt buckle retaining bolt to 52 N·m (38 lb ft).

12. On front seats, be sure that the buckle sleeve is returned to the original position.
13. Repeat this procedure on all buckles identified in the inspection procedure.

**CUSTOMER REIMBURSEMENT** – For GM US

All customer requests for reimbursement for previous repairs for the recall condition will be handled by the Customer Assistance Center, not by dealers.

A General Motors Customer Reimbursement Procedure and Claim Form is included with the customer letter.

**IMPORTANT:** (For GM US Only) Refer to the GM Service Policies and Procedures Manual, section 6.1.12, for specific procedures regarding customer reimbursement and the form.

**CUSTOMER REIMBURSEMENT** – For Canada and Export

Customer requests for reimbursement of previously paid repairs to correct the recall condition are to be submitted to the dealer by May 31, 2007.

All reasonable customer paid receipts should be considered for reimbursement. The amount to be reimbursed will be limited to the amount the repair would have cost if completed by an authorized General Motors dealer.

When a customer requests reimbursement, they must provide the following:

- Proof of ownership at time of repair.
- Original paid receipt confirming the amount of repair expense(s) that were not reimbursed, a description of the repair, and the person or entity performing the repair.

Claims for customer reimbursement on previously paid repairs are to be submitted as required by WINS.

**IMPORTANT:** Refer to the GM Service Policies and Procedures Manual, section 1.6.2, for specific procedures regarding customer reimbursement verification.

COURTESY TRANSPORTATION – For US and Canada

The General Motors Courtesy Transportation Program is intended to minimize customer inconvenience when a vehicle requires a repair that is covered by the New Vehicle Limited Warranty. The availability of courtesy transportation to customers whose vehicles are within the warranty coverage period and involved in a product recall is very important in maintaining customer satisfaction. Dealers are to ensure that these customers understand that shuttle service or some other form of courtesy transportation is available and will be provided at no charge. Dealers should refer to the General Motors Service Policies and Procedures Manual for courtesy transportation guidelines.

CLAIM INFORMATION

Submit a Product Recall Claim with the information indicated below:

REPAIR PERFORMED	PART COUNT	PART NO.	PARTS ALLOW	CC-FC	LABOR OP	LABOR HOURS	NET ITEM
Replace Seat Belt Cover or Buckle Assembly - Driver's Seat	1	---	*	MA-96	V1434	0.2	N/A
Add: Replace Seat Belt Cover or Buckle Assembly - Passenger Front Seat	1					0.2	
Add: Replace Seat Belt Cover on 1 to 3 Rear Seats	1-3					0.1	
Add: Replace Seat Belt Cover on 4 to 6 Rear Seats	4-6					0.2	
Add: Replace Seat Belt Cover on 7 to 10 Rear Seats	7-10					0.3	
Add: Replace Seat Belt Cover on 11 to 13 Rear Seats	11-13					0.4	
Add: Replace Rear Buckle Assembly - Each	1-13					0.1	
Courtesy Transportation for Vehicles Within the New Vehicle Limited Warranty (US & Canadian GM Dealers)	N/A	N/A	N/A	MA-96	**	N/A	***
Customer Reimbursement (Canadian & Export Dealers/US CAC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	MA-96	V1435	0.2	****

\* The "Parts Allowance" should be the sum total of the current GMSPD Dealer net price plus applicable Mark-Up or Landed Cost Mark-Up (for Export) for the seat belt cover, and if required, the buckle assembly needed to complete the repair.

\*\* Submit courtesy transportation using normal labor operations for courtesy transportation as indicated in the GM Service Policies and Procedures Manual for vehicles within the New Vehicle Limited Warranty.

\*\*\* The amount identified in the "Net Item" column should represent the actual dollar amount for courtesy transportation.

\*\*\*\* The amount identified in the "Net Item" column should represent the dollar amount reimbursed to the customer.

Refer to the General Motors WINS Claims Processing Manual for details on Product Recall Claim Submission.

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION – For US and Canada

General Motors will notify customers of this recall on their vehicle (see copy of customer letter included with this bulletin).

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION – For Export

Letters will be sent to known owners of record located within areas covered by the US National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. For owners outside these areas, dealers should notify customers using the attached sample letter.

DEALER RECALL RESPONSIBILITY – For US and Export (US States, Territories, and Possessions)

The US National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act provides that each vehicle that is subject to a recall of this type must be adequately repaired within a reasonable time after the customer has tendered it for repair. A failure to repair within sixty days after tender of a vehicle is prima facie evidence of failure to repair within a reasonable time. If the condition is not adequately repaired within a reasonable time, the customer may be entitled to an identical or reasonably equivalent vehicle at no charge or to a refund of the purchase price less a reasonable allowance for depreciation. To avoid having to provide these burdensome remedies, every effort must be made to promptly schedule an appointment with each customer and to repair their vehicle as soon as possible. In the recall notification letters, customers are told how to contact the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration if the recall is not completed within a reasonable time.

DEALER RECALL RESPONSIBILITY – All

All unsold new vehicles in dealers' possession and subject to this recall must be held and inspected/repaired per the service procedure of this recall bulletin before customers take possession of these vehicles.

Dealers are to service all vehicles subject to this recall at no charge to customers, regardless of mileage, age of vehicle, or ownership, from this time forward.

Customers who have recently purchased vehicles sold from your vehicle inventory, and for which there is no customer information indicated on the dealer listing, are to be contacted by the dealer. Arrangements are to be made to make the required correction according to the instructions contained in this bulletin. A copy of the customer letter is provided in this bulletin for your use in contacting customers. Recall follow-up cards should not be used for this purpose, since the customer may not as yet have received the notification letter.

In summary, whenever a vehicle subject to this recall enters your vehicle inventory, or is in your dealership for service in the future, you must take the steps necessary to be sure the recall correction has been made before selling or releasing the vehicle.



Dear General Motors Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

General Motors has decided that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2003-2006 model year Chevrolet Express and GMC Savana vehicles. As a result, GM is conducting a safety recall. We apologize for this inconvenience. However, we have taken this action for your safety and continued satisfaction with our products.

### IMPORTANT

- Your vehicle is involved in safety recall 05113.
- Schedule an appointment with your GM dealer.
- This service will be performed for you at no charge.

#### Why is your vehicle being recalled?

Some of these vehicles have safety belt buckles that may not latch or unlatch. If a safety belt buckle does not latch, that seating position should not be used and another seating position should be used if possible. If a safety belt buckle does not unlatch, it may require cutting of the belt to release the occupant. Occupants in a vehicle should always wear a safety belt or an increased risk to personal injury can occur in the event of a vehicle crash.

#### What will we do?

Your GM dealer will inspect the safety belt buckles and replace either the buckle cover or the entire buckle assembly. This service will be performed for you at **no charge**. It is likely that your dealer will need your vehicle longer than the actual service correction time of approximately 15 to 50 minutes because of service scheduling requirements.

If your vehicle is within the New Vehicle Limited Warranty your dealer may provide you with shuttle service or some other form of courtesy transportation while your vehicle is at the dealership for this repair. Please refer to your Owner's Manual and your dealer for details on courtesy transportation.

#### What should you do?

You should contact your GM dealer to arrange a service appointment as soon as possible. Bring the enclosed customer reply form with you when you visit your dealer. The form identifies the repairs required. If you no longer own this vehicle, please let us know by completing the form and mailing it back to us.

**Did you already pay for this repair?**

The enclosed form explains what reimbursement is available and how to request reimbursement if you have paid for repairs for the recall condition.

**Do you have questions?**

If you have questions or concerns that your dealer is unable to resolve, please contact the appropriate Customer Assistance Center at the number listed below. More information about this recall can be found at the Owner Center at MyGMLink, <http://www.gm.com/recall>.

Division	Number	Text Telephones (TTY)
Chevrolet	1-800-630-2438	1-800-833-2438
GMC	1-866-996-9463	1-800-462-8583
Guam	1-671-648-8650	
Puerto Rico – English	1-800-496-9992	
Puerto Rico – Español	1-800-496-9993	
Virgin Islands	1-800-496-9994	

If after contacting your dealer and the Customer Assistance Center, you are still not satisfied we have done our best to remedy this condition without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington DC 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1.888.327.4236 (TTY 1.800.424.9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

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