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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
07V-154

Subject: AXLE HOUSING/DANA

Dear MS. KENT:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
CHEVROLET/KODIAK/2007
GMC/TOPKICK/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-154

Mfg's Report Date: April 3, 2007

Components: POWER TRAIN:AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 67

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS, THE REAR DRIVE AXLE HOUSING WAS MANUFACTURED WITH STEEL BELOW THE SPECIFIED THICKNESS AND, AS A RESULT, IT COULD DEVELOP A CRACK.

Consequence:

IF A CRACK DEVELOPS AND IS NOT DETECTED AND REPAIRED, THE OUTBOARD END OF THE HOUSING COULD EVENTUALLY SEPARATE, ALLOWING THE HUB, AXLE SHAFT, OR WHEEL AND BRAKE ASSEMBLY TO SEPARATE FROM THE VEHICLE INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE THE AXLE FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL BEGAN ON APRIL 12, 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT CHEVROLET AT 1-800-630-2438 OR GMC AT 1-866-996-9463.

Notes:

GM RECALL NO. 07079. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, 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 supplemental information, owner notification began on April 12, 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before July 30, 2007.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@dot.gov or delia.lopez@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



for George H. Person, Chief
Recall Management Division
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Enforcement