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NVS-215kjs
06E-041

Subject: FUEL RETURN LINE/FUEL LEAK

Dear MR. KNOBLAUCH:

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/ASTRO/1992-1995
CHEVROLET/BLAZER/1992-1995
GMC/JIMMY/1992-1995
GMC/S SERIES/1992-1995
GMC/SAFARI/1992-1995
GMC/SONOMA/1992-1995
GMC/TYPHOON/1992-1993
HELP/55163/9999
NAPA BALKAMP/700-3270/9999
OLDSMOBILE/BRAVADA/1992-1995
THE CONNECTION/2560001/9999

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06E-041

Mfg's Report Date: May 17, 2006

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:DELIVERY:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 7,800

Summary:

CERTAIN R&B, INC. CENTRAL MULTIPOINT FUEL INJECTION (CMFI) FUEL RETURN LINES, MODELS HELP 55163, NAPA BALKAMP 700-3270, AND THE CONNECTION 2560001, SOLD FOR USE AS REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT FOR THE VEHICLES LISTED ABOVE. THE FUEL RETURN LINE HAS A MECHANICAL BLEED VALVE WHICH WAS NOT INSTALLED AT THE PROPER TORQUE.

Consequence:

A FUEL LEAK CAN OCCUR AT THE VALVE, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

R&B, INC. WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND, AT THE CUSTOMER'S REQUEST, EITHER REPLACE THE FUEL LINE OR OFFER A FULL REFUND. THE RECALL BEGAN ON MAY 4, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT R&B, INC. AT 215-712-5330.

Notes:

THIS RECALL ONLY PERTAINS TO R&B, INC. AFTERMARKET CMFI RETURN FUEL LINES AND HAS NO RELATION TO ANY ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT INSTALLED ON THE LISTED PASSENGER VEHICLES. 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

It is our understanding that R&B, Inc., (R&B) does not have records of the names and addresses of the final purchasers of the subject fuel return lines. Accordingly, R&B will not submit a draft owner notification letter at this time. However, should R&B become aware of any owners, you are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it.

Also, R&B is required to notify purchasers, dealers, and distributors in accordance with 49 CFR Part 577 and must submit a representative copy of all notices, bulletins and other communications 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 report, the recall began on May 4, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KSCHULER@NHTSA.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
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement