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November 1, 2013

Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, West Building  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: 49 C.F.R. Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Information Report

Dear Sir or Madam:

ATI Performance Products, Incorporated ("ATI") hereby informs you of ATI's intention to conduct a voluntary safety related recall for certain Powerglide transmissions set forth in the enclosed Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report.

ATI is voluntarily recalling these Powerglide transmissions out of an abundance of caution. Along with our Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Information Report, we have enclosed our proposed Owner Notification Letter, the Parking Test Inspection instructions, Product Safety Alert, communications to the aftermarket retailers, and the envelope format for the Owner Notification Letters for your review and approval.

Please note that there have been no customer reported incidents in the United States related to these Powerglide transmissions. There have been no reports of injury or death related to the affected Powerglide transmissions. These Powerglide transmissions are in race vehicles and not in street legal vehicles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Lynn Beattie'.

Lynn Beattie  
Vice President  
ATI Performance Products, Incorporated



## Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Equipment

### PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

Date: November 1, 2013

This report serves as notification from ATI Performance Product, Inc. (ATI) to the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that a "defect related to motor vehicle safety" exists in certain 2013 COPO Camaros. ATI decided that this "defect" existed in these vehicles delivered during calendar year 2013.

#### I. Manufacturer, Designated Agent, and Other Chain of Distribution Information

Manufacturer's corporate name: **ATI Performance Products, Inc. (ATI)**

Equipment's brand or trademark name owner : **ATI**

Designated Agent (imported equipment): **N/A**

If this notification concerns equipment that was installed in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment, identify by name, address, and telephone number each vehicle manufacturer and equipment manufacturer who purchased that equipment:

**General Motors LLC  
300 Renaissance Center  
Detroit, MI 48265**

If this notification concerns a defective or noncompliant component that the above identified manufacturer did not manufacture, identify that component and provide the name, address, and phone number of the manufacturer of the component (if this manufacturer is unknown, provide this information as to the supplier of the component):

**Powerglide Transmission manufactured by:  
ATI  
6747 Whitestone Road  
Gwynn Oak, MD 21207**

Name, address, email, and phone and fax numbers for the person(s) to whom inquiries about this report should be directed:

**ATI**

**Attn: Lynn Beattie**

**6747 Whitestone Road**

**Gwynn Oak MD 21207**

**Phone: (410) 298-4343**

**Fax: (410) 298-8344**

**Email: lfbeattie@atiracing.com**

Manufacturer's assigned campaign number (where applicable):

## II. Identification of the Recall Population and Its Size : **52**

Complete the tables below for each item of equipment subject to this notification. Additional tables may be necessary where there are more than three items subject to a notification.

Type of equipment (e.g., tire, child restraint, headlamp): **Automatic Transmission**

Part/Model number: **200660SC**

Size and function (where applicable):

Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): **Delivered in 2013**

Other information necessary to describe this equipment: **Powerglide**

Total number of these items of equipment: **52**

Provide the following information as to all the items of equipment ("the recall population") identified above:

Grand total number of items of equipment in the recall population: **52**

The percentage of the recall population you estimate actually contain the defect or noncompliance: **Unknown – 100 % will be offered inspection of the transmission.**

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined (e.g., on what basis the recalled models were selected and how the inclusive dates of manufacture were determined):

**We are recalling all of the transmissions for inspection**

Describe how the recall population is different from any similar items of equipment not subject to this notification:

**These transmissions were installed in an assembly line production by a third party (not ATI affiliated) and installed individually by a third party and *not* installed by a race car owner who would know to provide more care and adjustment to the shifter linkage.**

### III. Description of the Defect or Noncompliance and Chronology of Events

Describe the defect or noncompliance, including a summary and detailed description of the nature and physical location (if appropriate) of the defect or noncompliance. Graphic aids should be provided where necessary.

**Transmission may not have a strong park. The parking paw which holds the vehicle in the park position may be compromised. The parking mechanism is located inside the transmission, however the shifter linkage is visible outside the unit.**

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

**Possible stacking up of tolerances that would allow an over engagement of park so that the detent is not functioning properly.**

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

**The transmission may come out of park and the vehicle may roll.**

Identify any warning(s) that may precede the defect or noncompliance condition.

**Ratcheting noise when vehicle is placed in park.**

*For defects*, provide a dated, chronological summary of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination that the defect is related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information such as numbers of crashes, injuries and fatalities.

**There have been no claims or notices from customers. The potential problem was noted by General Motors who was notified by Turnkey, the third party assembly plant contracted by General Motors to assemble the vehicle. One vehicle was picked up by a customer who was advised of the problem and chose to take delivery of the vehicle and have it repaired at his home location – said repair was already completed.**

*For noncompliances*, identify the test results and other information considered in determining the existence of the noncompliance, and provide the date of each test and observation indicative of that noncompliance.

**This would have been determined by Turnkey, the company who assembled the vehicles, which did not conduct a proper park test for the first 45-50 vehicles.**

### IV. The Remedy Program and Its Schedule

Describe the program for remedying the defect or noncompliance, including the plan for reimbursing those owners and purchasers who may have incurred costs to remedy the defect or noncompliance before receiving the manufacturer's notification concerning that defect or noncompliance. Also include, where applicable, details with dates concerning any production remedy that was conducted or will be conducted.

**ATI will send a letter to all known purchasers of the 2013 COPO Camaros and ask them to secure their vehicles and then to call our toll free line for assistance in determining next steps which may include a self test, a dealer test and/or an exchange transmission and converter.**

Provide the estimated date(s) on which owner and purchaser notifications will be issued and the estimated date(s) for completion of those notifications.

**Owners will be notified five days after the date of the delivery date of this letter or as General Motors Company makes the owners contact information list available to ATI.**

Provide the estimated date(s) on which dealer and distributor notifications will be issued and the estimated date(s) for completion of those notifications. **Since the recall population will consist of only 52 vehicles, dealers will be notified on a case by case basis.**

Describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

**A new parking paw will be installed in the transmission.**