

GM CUSTOMER CARE AND AFTERSALES  
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URGENT - DISTRIBUTE IMMEDIATELY

Date: May 7, 2015

Subject: Upcoming Safety Recall 15031  
Safety Belt Lap Anchor Tensioner Cable

Models: 2011-2012 Chevrolet Malibu

To: All Chevrolet Dealers

Attention: General Manager, Service Advisor, Service Manager, Parts and Service Director, Parts Manager, Used Vehicle Sales Manager, and Warranty Administrator

General Motors has notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) about an upcoming safety recall that involves certain 2011-2012 model year Chevrolet Malibu vehicles. The GM recall number is 15031.

General Motors has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in 2011-2012 model year Chevrolet Malibu vehicles. The flexible steel cable that connects the safety belt to the vehicle at the outside of the front outboard seating positions can fatigue and separate over time as a result of occupant movement into the seat. In certain seating positions, the seat belt's flexible steel cable (or "tensioner cable") can be located in a forward position allowing the occupant to sit on top of it while entering the vehicle. This action can bend the steel cable at a severe angle over the seat side shield, which over time may cause the cable to fatigue and separate. In a crash, a fatigued cable could break, reducing the effectiveness of the vehicle's safety belts and increasing the risk of injury to the occupant.

Parts are not currently available, but when parts are available, dealers are to replace the front outboard lap anchor mounting bracket to relocate the tensioner. Dealers will also inspect the covering on the cable for tears, holes, or wear marks, and if necessary, replace the lap pretensioner.

This is a courtesy notification to dealers. Dealers will be advised when safety recall bulletin 15031 is released.

The Investigate Vehicle History screen in the Global Warranty Management system is being updated for this upcoming safety recall. This will assist dealers with determining which vehicles are involved so they can properly respond to customer inquiries. Please note the "N/A" under Release Date and the "Incomplete – Remedy Not Yet Available" message under Status. This means release of the recall bulletin is still pending and dealers should not attempt to perform any repairs at this time.

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