## GLOBAL SAFETY FIELD INVESTIGATIONS DCS6012 URGENT - DISTRIBUTE IMMEDIATELY

Date: December 22, 2021

Subject: Upcoming Safety Recall N212346640

Rear Suspension Toe Link May Break

Models: 2010-2013 Buick LaCrosse

2012-2013 Buick Regal 2013 Chevrolet Malibu

To: All General Motors Dealers

General Motors has notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) about an upcoming safety recall. The GM recall number is N212346640.

It is a violation of federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment (including a tire) covered by this notification until the defect is remedied.

This is an expansion of NHTSA recalls 20V764 and 21V663. General Motors has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2010 – 2013 model year Buick LaCrosse, 2012 – 2013 model year Buick Regal, and 2013 model year Chevrolet Malibu vehicles that were ever registered in Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, or Wisconsin (collectively, "Corrosion States"). These vehicles may have rear toe links that received improper electrocoating (e-coat) corrosion protection, which could cause the link to be more susceptible to long-term corrosion. Corrosion may eventually cause the toe link to thin and ultimately to fracture. A rear toe link fracture may reduce the ability to control the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

We do not have replacement parts at this time, but we are working closely with the supplier to obtain the required parts as quickly as possible. When parts are available, the recall bulletin will be released, and dealers can begin repairing vehicles. Once that happens, dealers will replace rear suspension toe links and adjuster fasteners.

We do not have a VIN list of affected vehicles at this time, but we are working to obtain the affected VINs as soon as possible. Once that happens, the Investigate Vehicle History (IVH) screen in the Global Warranty Management (GWM) system will be updated. This action will be taken to assist dealers with determining which vehicles are involved so they can properly respond to customer inquiries.

## **Question and Answer Document (Q&A)**

Attached to this message you will find a document that addresses the ten most likely questions customers may have regarding this Safety Recall. Please use this information as an aid to confidently answer customer concerns.

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