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#09047: Product Safety - Engine Compartment Fire - (Apr 14, 2009)

Subject: 09047 -- Engine Compartment Fire



Models: 1997-2003 Buick Regal
 1998-1999 Chevrolet Lumina
 1998-2003 Chevrolet Monte Carlo
 2000-2003 Chevrolet Impala
 1998-1999 Oldsmobile Intrigue
 1997-2003 Pontiac Grand Prix
 Equipped with 3.8L V6 Naturally Aspirated Engine (RPO L36 - VIN K)

Condition

General Motors has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 1997-2003 model year Buick Regal and Pontiac Grand Prix, 1998-1999 model year Chevrolet Lumina and Oldsmobile Intrigue, 1998-2003 model year Chevrolet Monte Carlo, and 2000-2003 model year Chevrolet Impala model vehicles, equipped with a 3.8L V6 naturally aspirated engine (RPO L36 - VIN K). Some of these vehicles have a condition in which drops of engine oil may be deposited on the exhaust manifold through hard braking. In rare cases, if this condition occurs, and if a hot surface ignition source were present, an engine compartment fire could occur.

Correction

Dealers are to remove the 1-3-5 spark plug wire retention channel at the front of engine and replace it with new retainers.

Vehicles Involved

Involved are certain 1997-2003 model year Buick Regal and Pontiac Grand Prix, 1998-1999 model year Chevrolet Lumina and Oldsmobile Intrigue, 1998-2003 model year Chevrolet Monte Carlo, and 2000-2003 model year Chevrolet Impala model vehicles, equipped with a 3.8L V6 naturally aspirated engine (RPO L36 - VIN K), and built within these VIN breakpoints:

Year	Division	Model	From	Through
1997	Buick	Regal	V1400016	V1482810
1998	Buick	Regal	W1400005	W1614356
1999	Buick	Regal	X1400005	X1637860
2000	Buick	Regal	Y1100004	Y1360467
2001	Buick	Regal	11100004	11338085
2002	Buick	Regal	21100001	21301745

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2003	Buick	Regal	31100001	31299522
2000	Chevrolet	Impala	Y9100001	Y9385472
2001	Chevrolet	Impala	19100001	19378249
2002	Chevrolet	Impala	29100002	29391929
2003	Chevrolet	Impala	39100002	39455173
1998	Chevrolet	Lumina	W9100001	W9337592
1999	Chevrolet	Lumina	X9100004	X9267154
1998	Chevrolet	Monte Carlo	W9100004	W9337590
1999	Chevrolet	Monte Carlo	X9100003	X9288589
2000	Chevrolet	Monte Carlo	Y9100297	Y9385464
2001	Chevrolet	Monte Carlo	19100004	19278234
2002	Chevrolet	Monte Carlo	29100018	29391931
2003	Chevrolet	Monte Carlo	39100018	39455171
1998	Oldsmobile	Intrigue	WF300001	WF407668
1999	Oldsmobile	Intrigue	XF300090	XF351930
1997	Pontiac	Grand Prix	VF200005	VF359118
1998	Pontiac	Grand Prix	WF200001	WF342337
1999	Pontiac	Grand Prix	XF200002	XF355310
2000	Pontiac	Grand Prix	YF100033	YF353313
2001	Pontiac	Grand Prix	1F100004	1F275188
2002	Pontiac	Grand Prix	2F100016	2F293267
2003	Pontiac	Grand Prix	3F100002	3F181300

Important: Dealers are to confirm vehicle eligibility prior to beginning repairs by using the GM Vehicle Inquiry System (GMVIS). Not all vehicles within the above breakpoints may be involved.

For dealers with involved vehicles, a listing with involved vehicles containing the complete vehicle identification number, customer name, and address information has been prepared and will be provided through the applicable system listed below. Dealers will not have a report available if they have no involved vehicles currently assigned.

- US and Canadian dealers - GM GlobalConnect Recall Reports
- Export dealers - sent directly to dealers

The listing may contain customer names and addresses obtained from Motor Vehicle Registration Records. The use of such motor vehicle registration data for any purpose other than follow-up necessary to complete this recall is a violation of law in several states/provinces/countries. Accordingly, you are urged to limit the use of this report to the follow-up necessary to complete this recall.

Parts Information

Parts required to complete this recall are to be obtained from General Motors Service and Parts Operations (GMSPO). Please refer to your "involved vehicles listing" before ordering parts. Normal orders should be placed on a DRO = Daily Replenishment Order. In an emergency situation, parts

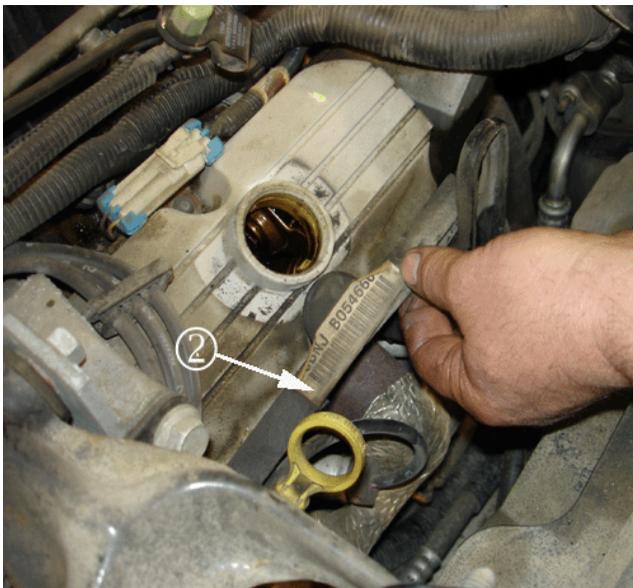
should be ordered on a CSO = Customer Special Order.

Part Number	Description	Qty/ Vehicle
88891792	Retainer, Splg Wire (4-wire, 7mm)	1
12132229	Retainer, Splg Wire (2-Wire, 7mm)	1

Service Procedure



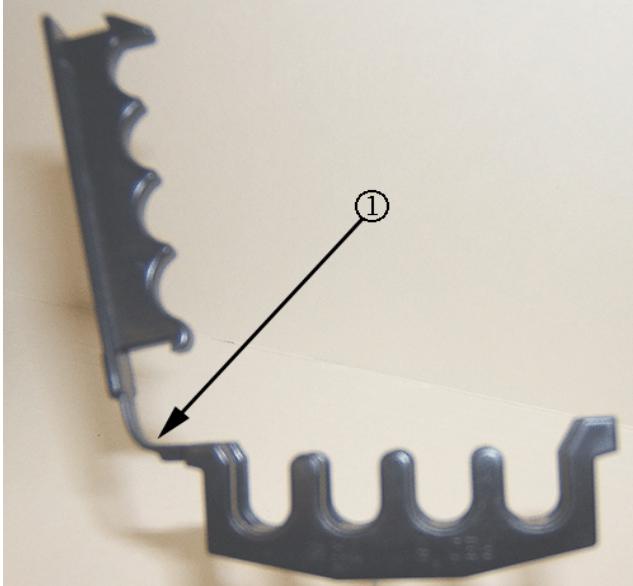
1. Remove the fuel injector sight shield (1). Refer to Fuel Injector Sight Shield Replacement in SI.



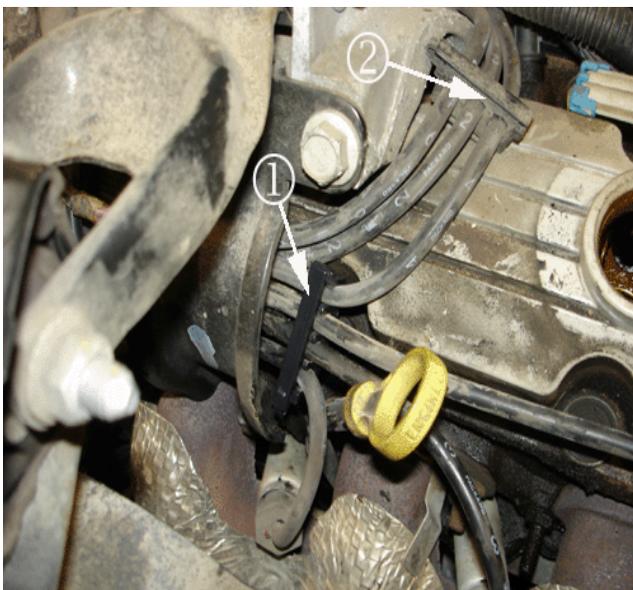
Important: It is not necessary to remove the spark plug wires from the spark plugs.

2. Remove the 1-3-5 spark plug plastic retaining channel (cover) clip/bracket (2) from the engine and discard it.

7mm Four-Wire Retainer, P/N 88891792

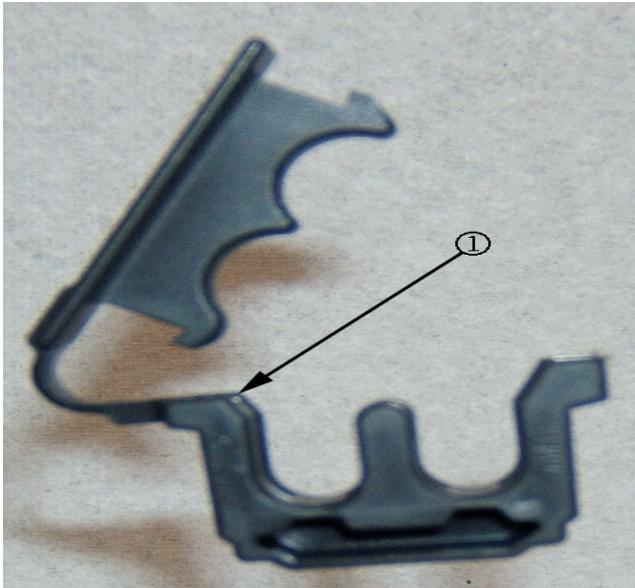


Important: If a 7mm four-wire retainer is not available, use an 8mm four-wire retainer (1), P/N 14066248 (qty 10/pack), or equivalent 7mm aftermarket spark plug wire retainer.



3. Install a 7mm four-wire retainer, P/N 88891792 (1) (qty 5/pack) to spark plug wire number 4, then to spark plug wires 1,3 and 5. Save the other 7mm or 8mm spark plug four-wire retainers for future repairs. Make sure that spark plug wires 2, 4 and 6 are secured to the original retainers and under the left engine mount strut bracket (2).

7mm Two-Wire Retainer, P/N 12132229



4. Install a 7mm two-wire retainer, P/N 12132229 (qty 10/pack) to spark plug wires 3 and 5 only (3). Save the other 7mm spark plug two-wire retainers for future repairs. Make sure the spark plug retainer (3) is approximately 50mm (2 in) from the oil level indicator (2).



Important: Ensure the installed spark plug wire retainers do not contact the fuel injector sight shield or exhaust manifold.

5. Install the fuel injector sight shield (1). Refer to Fuel Injector Sight Shield Replacement in SI.

Claim Information

Submit a Product Recall Claim with the information indicated below:

Repair Performed	Part Count	Part No.	Parts Allow	CC-FC	Labor Op	Labor Hours	Net Item
Install Spark Plug Retainers	2	--	*	MA-96	V2066	0.2	N/A

* The "Parts Allowance" should be the sum total of the current GMSPD Dealer net price plus applicable Mark-Up or Landed Cost Mark-Up (for Export) for the spark plug wire retainers needed to complete the repair.

Refer to the General Motors WINS Claim Processing Manual for details on Product Recall Claim Submission.

Customer Notification - For US and Canada

General Motors will notify customers of this recall on their vehicle (see copy of customer letter included with this bulletin).

Customer Notification - For Export

Letters will be sent to known owners of record located within areas covered by the US National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. For owners outside these areas, dealers should notify customers using the attached sample letter.

Dealer Recall Responsibility - For US and Export (US States, Territories, and Possessions)

The US National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act provides that each vehicle that is subject to a recall of this type must be adequately repaired within a reasonable time after the customer has tendered it for repair. A failure to repair within sixty days after tender of a vehicle is prima facie evidence of failure to repair within a reasonable time. If the condition is not adequately repaired within a reasonable time, the customer may be entitled to an identical or reasonably equivalent vehicle at no charge or to a refund of the purchase price less a reasonable allowance for depreciation. To avoid having to provide these burdensome remedies, every effort must be made to promptly schedule an appointment with each customer and to repair their vehicle as soon as possible. In the recall notification letters, customers are told how to contact the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration if the recall is not completed within a reasonable time.

Dealer Recall Responsibility - All

All unsold new vehicles in dealers' possession and subject to this recall must be held and inspected/repared per the service procedure of this recall bulletin before customers take possession of these vehicles.

Dealers are to service all vehicles subject to this recall at no charge to customers, regardless of mileage, age of vehicle, or ownership, from this time forward.

Customers who have recently purchased vehicles sold from your vehicle inventory, and for which there is no customer information indicated on the dealer listing, are to be contacted by the dealer. Arrangements are to be made to make the required correction according to the instructions contained in this bulletin. A copy of the customer letter is provided in this bulletin for your use in contacting customers. Recall follow-up cards should not be used for this purpose, since the customer may not as yet have received the notification letter.

In summary, whenever a vehicle subject to this recall enters your vehicle inventory, or is in your dealership for service in the future, you must take the steps necessary to be sure the recall correction has been made before selling or releasing the vehicle. GM bulletins

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Dear General Motors Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

General Motors has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 1997-2003 model year Buick Regal and Pontiac Grand Prix, 1998-1999 model year Chevrolet Lumina and Oldsmobile Intrigue, 1998-2003 model year Chevrolet Monte Carlo, and 2000-2003 model year Chevrolet Impala model vehicles, equipped with a 3.8L V6 naturally aspirated engine. As a result, GM is conducting a safety recall. We apologize for this inconvenience. However, we are concerned about your safety and continued satisfaction with our products.

Important:

- Your vehicle is involved in safety recall 09047.
- Schedule an appointment with your GM dealers.
- This service will be performed for you at *no charge* .

Why is your vehicle being recalled?

An underhood fire may be caused by drops of engine oil, from seepage or spillage, being deposited on the exhaust manifold through hard braking. If the manifold is hot enough, the oil may ignite into a small flame and, in some instances, the fire may spread to the plastic spark plug wire channel and beyond. If this occurs, there could be a fire in your vehicle and nearby property.

What will we do?

Your GM dealer will replace the spark plug wire channel with new spark plug wire retainers. This service will be performed for you at no charge. Because of service scheduling requirements, it is likely that your dealer will need your vehicle longer than the actual service correction time of approximately 15 minutes.

What should you do?

You should contact your GM dealer to arrange a service appointment as soon as possible. Bring the enclosed customer reply form with you when you visit your dealer. The form identifies the repairs required. If you no longer own this vehicle, please let us know by completing the form and mailing it back to us.

There are two very important precautions you should take before your vehicle is serviced:

- We strongly recommend you not park your vehicle in a garage, car port, or other structure.
- If you notice a burning odor, you should have your GM dealer inspect your vehicle immediately. The dealer will inspect your vehicle without charge.

Do you have questions?

If you have questions or concerns that your dealer is unable to resolve, please contact the appropriate Customer Assistance Center at the number listed below. More information about this recall can be found at the Owner Center at MyGMLink, <http://www.gm.com/recall>.

Division	Number	Text Telephones (TTY)
Buick	1-866-608-8080	1-800-832-8425
Chevrolet	1-800-630-2438	1-800-833-2438
Pontiac	1-800-620-7668	1-800-833-7668
Oldsmobile	1-800-630-6537	1-800-833-6537
Guam	1-671-648-8450	
Puerto Rico - English	1-800-496-9992	
Puerto Rico - Español	1-800-496-9993	
Virgin Islands	1-800-496-9994	

If after contacting your dealer and the Customer Assistance Center, you are still not satisfied we have done our best to remedy this condition without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington DC 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1.888.327.4236 (TTY 1.800.424.9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Scott Lawson

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Customer and Relationship Services

Enclosure

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GM bulletins are intended for use by professional technicians, NOT a "do-it-yourselfer". They are written to inform these technicians of conditions that may occur on some vehicles, or to provide information that could assist in the proper service of a vehicle. Properly trained technicians have the equipment, tools, safety instructions, and know-how to do a job properly and safely. If a condition is described, DO NOT assume that the bulletin applies to your vehicle, or that your vehicle will have that condition. See your GM dealer for information on whether your vehicle may benefit from the information.



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