

General Motors recalls 2,9m more cars worldwide

NEW YORK, USA: - General Motors announced the recall of another 2,9m vehicles worldwide but 2,71m of them are in the United States and about 200,000 in other parts of the world.



GM's Jeff Boyer says the company is taking all safety issues seriously and reacting promptly to any manufacturing defects. Image: [AutoBlog](#)

The company said it expected to book up to US\$200m in charges in the second quarter, mainly to cover the costs of recall-related repairs.

"We have redoubled our efforts to expedite and resolve current reviews in process and also have identified and analysed recent vehicle issues which require action," said Jeff Boyer, Vice President of GM Global Vehicle Safety.

"These are examples of our focus to address issues promptly take necessary action in the best interest of our customers," he said.

GM said no deaths were tied to any of the defects in the latest recalls, which involve a brake-lamp problem that has been linked to 13 crashes and two injuries.

"Corrosion in the wiring harness could result in brake lamps failing to illuminate when the brakes are applied or brake lamps illuminating when the brakes are not engaged," GM said.

That recall affects the Chevrolet Malibu models made between 2004 and 2012, the Malibu Maxx made between 2004 and 2007 the Pontiac G6 models made between 2006 and 2010 and the Saturn Aura models made between 2006 and 2010.

Other models recalled

GM also recalled 120,620 Chevrolet Corvettes in model years 2005 to 2007 because of a problem with the low-beam headlamp.

The three other recalls were for problems with brakes, windshield wipers and steering gear.

The recalls also affect cars bought this year: there are 21,563 current Cadillac CTS being recalled along with 144,780 2014 Chevrolet Malibus; 520 Chevrolet Silverados, the GMC Sierra light-duty pickups and the Chevrolet Tahoe sport utility vehicles.



The current model of the Cadillac CTS has been recalled along with millions of other cars made by General Motors. Image: Wikipedia

The new recalls came as the largest US car manufacturer faces numerous lawsuits and government and congressional investigations following a delayed recall of millions of cars for faulty ignition switches linked to 13 deaths.

The ignition problem was detected at the pre-production stage as early as 2001, but the company waited until February this year to begin recalling the affected vehicles.

GM's Chief Executive Mary Barra, who took the company's job in January, has pledged to aggressively resolve the car manufacturer's safety and quality problems.

The costs of the multiple recalls are piling up. In the first quarter, GM took a US\$1.3bn charge that included a US\$700m expense for the 2.6m cars recalled worldwide for faulty ignition switches and ignition cylinders.

Other recalls, totaling 4.5m vehicles, cost US\$600m.

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