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Defect dossier · November 14, 2026

NHTSA's complete record on one defect, read for a case

Chevrolet Silverado

Engine

Model years 2006–2027 · every filing from May 2006 to Nov 2026

The record in six numbers

3,036
owner complaints to NHTSA

1,800
Chevrolet communications to dealer

3
safety recalls

6
federal investigations

52
complaints describing a fire

1
deaths Chevrolet itself reported

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CASE BRIEF · FINDINGS

The case on one page

Notice

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Owners began reporting engine problems to NHTSA in May 2006. Chevrolet's first dealer communication on the engine is dated Jan 2005; its first recall on the engine dates from Aug 2006.

Volume

Exhibit E, p. 219

3,036 owner complaints across 21 model years; filings peaked in 2025 with 937. 2,567 complaints have come in since the latest recall (Apr 25, 2019).

What Chevrolet told dealers

Exhibit D, p. 14 · Exhibit A, p. 9

1,783 technical service bulletins and 17 service campaigns name the engine; 1 warranty extension or coverage program widen what Chevrolet pays for.

Regulators

Exhibit C, p. 12

6 federal investigations covered the engine, the first opened Feb 2008: PE08010 (NON-CRASH ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRES); EA08010 (NON-CRASH ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRES); PE25001 (Loss of motive power due to engine failure).

Harm

Exhibit E, p. 219 · Exhibit F, p. 291

52 complaints allege a fire, 21 a crash and 18 an injury (29 people), 1 a death. Separately, Chevrolet reported 1 deaths and 73 injuries naming the engine to NHTSA under Early Warning Reporting.

Remedy

Exhibit B, p. 10

Chevrolet's latest reported repair rate on recall 19V328000 is 100%: about few of the 318,374 vehicles covered had not had the fix.

Litigation

Exhibit G, p. 297

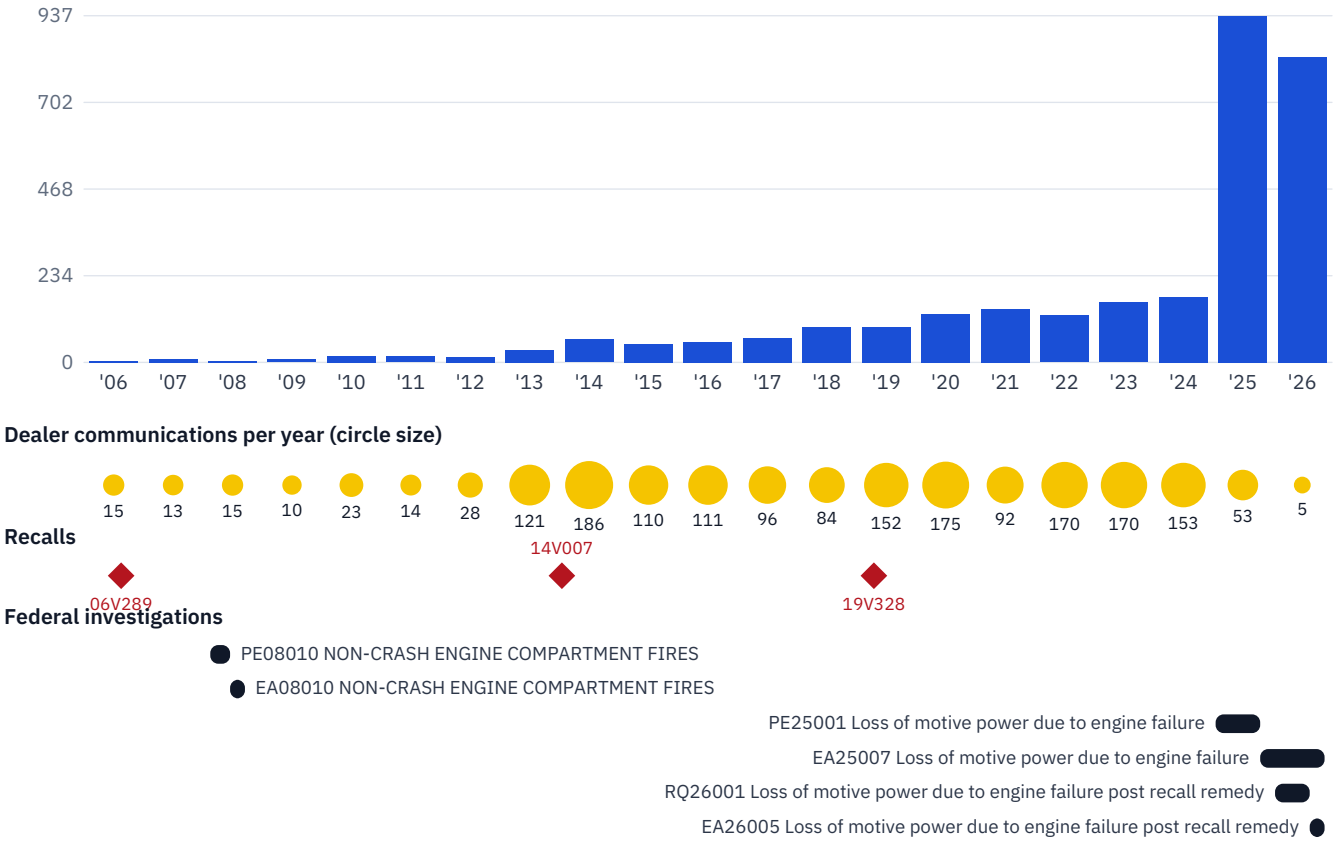
253 federal dockets in the RECAP index name Chevrolet, the Silverado and the engine; the newest was filed Oct 8, 2026 (Day v. General Motors LLC).

> Every figure in this brief is counted from the exhibits that follow, and every exhibit carries NHTSA's own identifier (campaign, investigation, bulletin or ODI number), so any line can be checked against the agency's record.

CASE BRIEF · TIMELINE

What Chevrolet knew, and when

Owner complaints to NHTSA by the year they were filed, with every dealer communication, recall and federal investigation on the same axis.



The dated record

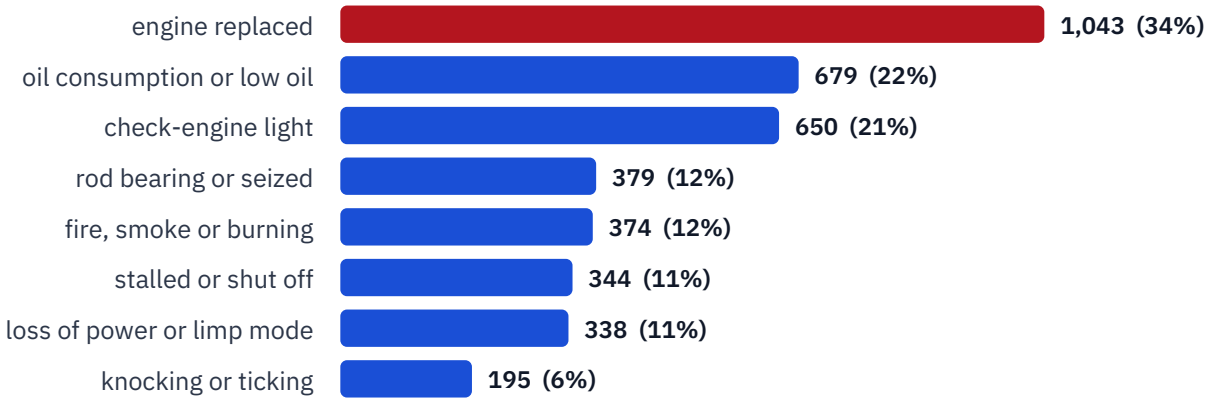
Date	Event	Exhibit
Jan 27, 2005	First Chevrolet communication to dealers on the engine	D
May 22, 2006	First owner complaint on the engine	E
Aug 3, 2006	Recall 06V289000: ON CERTAIN TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH AN 8.1L V8 (RPO L8-VIN G) ENGIN…	B
Feb 4, 2008	PE08010 opened: NON-CRASH ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRES	C
Jun 12, 2008	PE08010 closed	C
Jun 12, 2008	EA08010 opened: NON-CRASH ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRES	C
Sep 8, 2008	EA08010 closed, recall 08V441000	C
Jan 13, 2014	Recall 14V007000: General Motors is recalling certain 2014 model year Chevrolet Silverado 1…	B
Apr 25, 2019	Recall 19V328000: The engine block heater cord or the terminals that connect the heater cord…	B

7 later events are in exhibits B and C.

CASE BRIEF · PATTERN

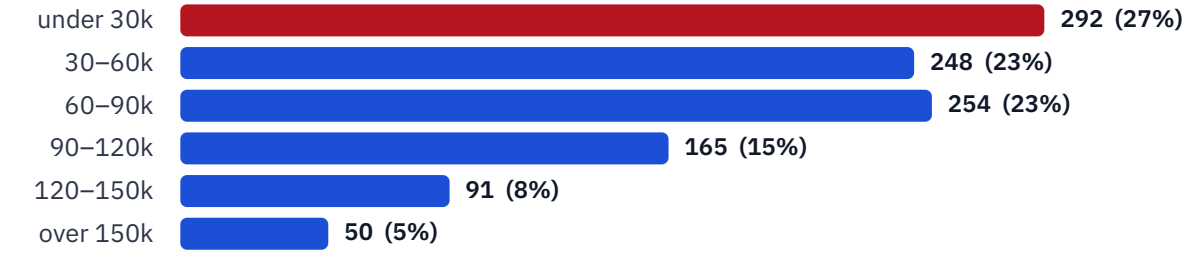
The defect, in owners' words

What the 3,036 complaints describe, by the words owners used (a complaint can describe more than one).



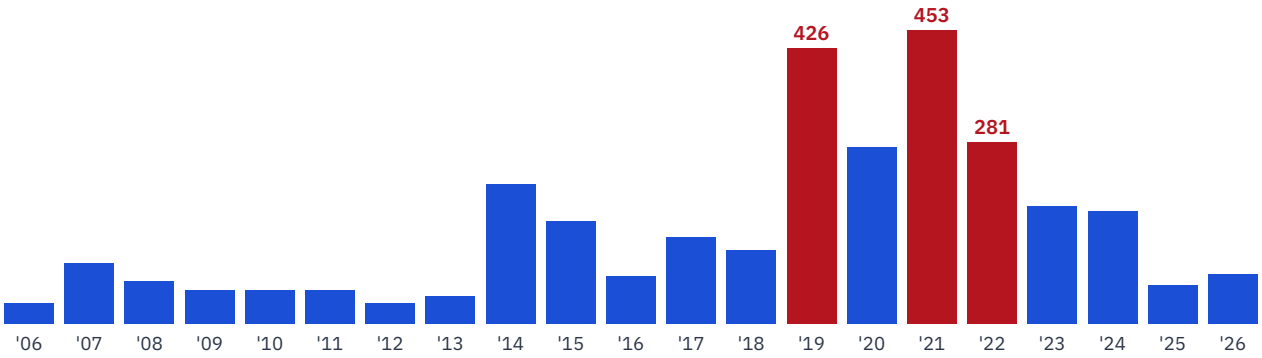
Mileage when it failed

Of 1,100 complaints giving a mileage, half were at or under 60,000 miles; 78% were under 100,000.



Model years affected

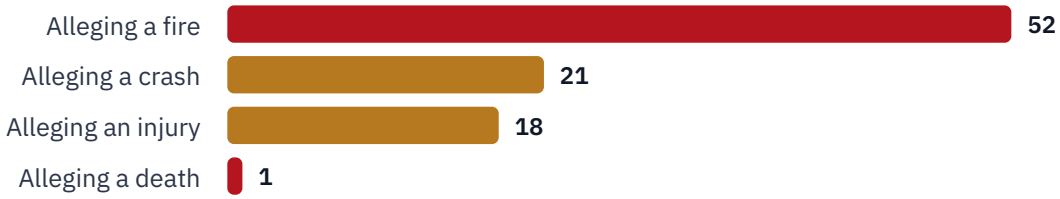
Complaints by model year. The years with the most are where a client's car is most likely to sit.



CASE BRIEF · HARM

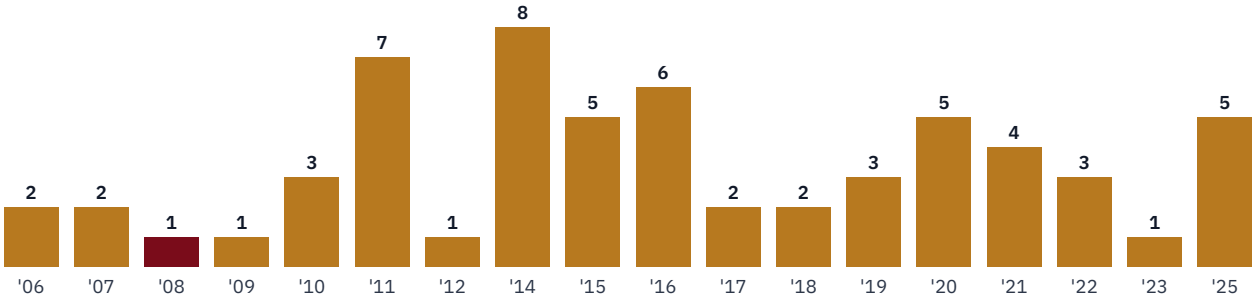
Harm, and where it happened

From the owners' complaints (what they told NHTSA) and from Chevrolet's own quarterly Early Warning reports to NHTSA of death and injury claims naming the engine.



Complaints by what they allege; the injury complaints name 29 people hurt in all.

Chevrolet's own reports: 61 incidents, 1 deaths, 73 injuries



Incidents by model year (amber); the part involving a death in dark red.

Where the complaints came from

State	Complaints	Share
Texas	353	12%
Florida	202	7%
Michigan	187	6%
California	185	6%
Georgia	109	4%
New York	108	4%
Ohio	107	4%
Pennsylvania	98	3%
Wisconsin	87	3%
Tennessee	78	3%

CASE BRIEF · REMEDY

Recalls, remedies and coverage

Every recall on the engine, the vehicles it covered and the share Chevrolet last reported as repaired. A recall repair is free for the life of the car.

Recall 06V289000 reported Aug 3, 2006 · 38,439 vehicles

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH AN 8.1L V8 (RPO L8-VIN G) ENGINE HAVE A CONDITION IN WHICH THE ENGINE FUEL RAIL PULSE DAMPER RETAINER CLIP MAY FRACTURE RESULTING IN INADEQUATE RETENTION OF THE DAMPER.

Recall 14V007000 reported Jan 13, 2014 · 325,213 vehicles

General Motors is recalling certain 2014 model year Chevrolet Silverado 1500 and GMC Sierra 1500 vehicles, and 2015 model year Cadillac Escalade and Escalade ESV; Chevrolet Silverado HD; and GMC Sierra HD, Yukon, and Yukon XL, equipped with a 4.3L engine or 5.3L engine.

Recall 19V328000 reported Apr 25, 2019 · 318,374 vehicles

100% repaired · about 96 vehicles still unrepaired

General Motors LLC (GM) is recalling certain 2019 Chevrolet Silverado 4500, 5500 and 6500 vehicles and 2017-2019 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 and 3500 vehicles and GMC Sierra 2500 and 3500 vehicles equipped with Duramax 6.6 liter diesel engines and an optional engine-block heater. The engine block heater cord or the terminals that c...

Warranty extensions and coverage programs

Program	Coverage	What it covers
N252494003-02	10 years or 150,000 miles, whichever comes first	Certain vehicles listed above, may have a condition where the connecting rod and/or crankshaft engine components in these vehicles may have manufacturing defects that can lead to engine damage and...

CASE BRIEF · REGULATORS

The federal investigations

Every NHTSA Office of Defects Investigation action that covered the engine, oldest first, with what it found.

PE08010 **NON-CRASH ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRES** Feb 4, 2008 to Jun 12, 2008

IN RESPONSE TO AN INFORMATION REQUEST LETTER SENT BY THE OFFICE OF DEFECTS INVESTIGATION(ODI) DURING PRELIMINARY EVALUATION PE08-010, GM PROVIDED ODI WITH 41 ALLEGATIONS OF NON-CRASH ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRES INCLUDING 16 ALLEGATIONS OF FIRES ORIGINATING WITH THE IGNITION IN THE OFF POSITION. ONE OF THE FIRES WAS DETERMINED TO BE CAUSED BY AN ARSON EVENT. ODI HAS ALSO RECEIVED 5 REPORTS, 4 OF WHICH ARE OF DUPLICATIVE OF REPORTS PROVIDED BY GM, ALLEGING NON-CRASH ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRES IN THE SUBJECT VEHICLES. IN T...

EA08010 **NON-CRASH ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRES** Jun 12, 2008 to Sep 8, 2008 · recall 08V441000

IN A LETTER DATED AUGUST 27, 2008, GENERAL MOTORS CORP. (GM) NOTIFIED NHTSA THAT IT WILL CONDUCT A SAFETY RECALL (NHTSA RECALL NUMBER 08V-441) TO ADDRESS A SAFETY RELATEDDEFECT THAT CAN RESULT IN ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE IN APPROXIMATELY 850,000 VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH A HEATED WINDSHIELD WASHER FLUID OPTION. THE SUBJECT VEHICLES OF THIS INVESTIGATION COMPRISE OVER THREE-QUARTERS OF THE RECALL POPULATION. ACCORDING TO GM, A SHORT CIRCUIT ON THE PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD FOR THE WINDSHIELD WASHER FLUID HEATER MODULE MAY O...

PE25001 **Loss of motive power due to engine failure** Jan 16, 2025 to Oct 23, 2025 · recall 25V274

On January 16, 2025, the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) opened Preliminary Evaluation PE25001 after receiving complaints and field reports concerning engine failures in MY2019-2024 GM's full-size truck and SUV T1XX platform equipped with the L87 6.2L V8 engine. These complainants alleged engine bearing failures resulting in knocking and growling noises from the engine's bottom end and in some cases more severe consequences such as broken connecting rods leading to engine damage, or engine failure. If the eng...

EA25007 **Loss of motive power due to engine failure** Oct 23, 2025 to open

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has received 1,157 reports of engine bearing failure failures in the L87 6.2L engine produced by General Motors (GM). Of the 1,157 reports received, 173 are outside of the scope of recall 25V-274. These engines are installed in Model Years (MY) 2019–2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 and GMC Sierra 1500, and 2021-2024MY Chevrolet Suburban and Tahoe, GMC Yukon/Yukon XL, and Cadillac Escalade/Escalade ESV vehicles. The subject engine failures were investigated as part of a Prelimi...

RQ26001 **Loss of motive power due to engine failure post recall remedy** Jan 16, 2026 to Aug 20, 2026

On January 16, 2026, the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) opened Recall Query RQ26001. This investigation was opened to assess the remedy effectiveness of Recall 25V-274. ODI has received complaints alleging engine failure in vehicles after the recall remedy had been completed, whether that remedy involved an oil viscosity change or a complete engine replacement. General Motors (GM) issued Recall 25V-274 to address concerns of engine failure in the L87 engines produced between March 1, 2021 and May 31, 2024. G...

CASE BRIEF · DOCKETS

Federal litigation

253 federal dockets in CourtListener's RECAP index match Chevrolet, the Silverado and the engine (index as of 2026-10-19). Presence in the index says nothing about merits or outcome; state-court cases are not indexed.

Case	Court	Filed	Status	Cause
Day v. General Motors LLC	E.D. Mich.	Oct 8, 2026	open	15:2301 Magnuson-Moss
Hubof v. General Motors, LLC	E.D. Mich.	Sep 24, 2026	open	28:1332 Diversity-Motor
Gilbert Rasso v. General Motors LLC	C.D. Cal.	Jul 24, 2026	open	28:1441 Notice of Removal -- Other
Jorge Mendez v. General Motors LLC	C.D. Cal.	Jul 16, 2026	open	28:1332 Diversity-(Citizenship)
Mendez v. General Motors LLC	E.D. Cal.	Jul 13, 2026	open	28:1441 Petition For Removal--Other
Tidwell v. General Motors LLC	E.D. Mich.	May 4, 2026	open	15:2301 Magnuson-Moss
Brady v. General Motors LLC	E.D. Mich.	Apr 15, 2026	open	
Gonnering v. General Motors LLC	E.D. Mich.	Apr 6, 2026	open	15:2301 Magnuson-Moss
Franklin v. General Motors LLC	E.D. Mich.	Mar 24, 2026	open	15:2301 Magnuson-Moss
Startz Services, LLC v. General Motors LLC	D. Conn.	Mar 10, 2026	open	
Robin Altobelli v. General Motors, LLC	6th Cir.	Jan 23, 2026	open	4355 P.I.: Motor Vehicle Product Liabil
General Motors LLC v. The Partnerships and Unincorporated Associations Identified on	N.D. Ill.	Dec 1, 2025	open	

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