



## Collision Position Statement

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### CLIP REPAIR PROCEDURE (SECTIONING OF TWO VEHICLES) NOT APPROVED FOR GM VEHICLES

General Motors (GM) vehicles, systems, and components are engineered, tested, and manufactured to help protect vehicle occupants and deliver the safety, durability, and performance expected of Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, and Cadillac vehicles. New, GM Genuine Parts are designed, engineered, tested, and validated by GM.

#### GM Original Equipment Structural Repairs

- GM recommends the use of GM Genuine parts in repairs to help ensure the vehicle is returned to pre-collision condition.

#### Non-Approved Structural Repairs (Clipping)

- General Motors does not approve the use of “clipping” to repair collision damage to vehicles.
- In the collision repair industry, “clipping” refers to cutting two damaged vehicles through the windshield pillars, the rocker panels, and across the floor pan and joining the undamaged portions from these vehicles to make the repair.
- The use of “clipping” voids GM’s New Vehicle Limited Warranty (and any variety of the GM Protection Plan, as well as GM’s new vehicle service part and corrosion warranties) for each part in the clip.
- GM does not sanction clipping repair because it cuts across the major load-bearing paths of a vehicle and can reduce the structural integrity of the repaired vehicle.
- This is especially critical because of the increased use of Advanced High Strength Steel (AHSS).
- Improper repairs can lead to vehicle performance issues related to noise, vibration, and handling problems.



- GM recommends replacing body components at factory seams. When applicable, GM will provide specific collision repair parts and procedures for sectioning. These parts and procedures provide a practical and cost-effective alternative to clipping. GM provides vehicle specific collision repair procedures which are developed to be in a location and fashion that will yield panel strength comparable to the original panel strength.
- GM has not tested or validated a “clipped vehicle” repair; therefore, GM does not endorse this type of repair or confirm crash performance during a subsequent collision.

### Warranty and Service Plan Implications

Any damage, failure, or nonperformance arising from the installation or presence of non-GM (aftermarket, salvage, recycled, reconditioned, or other) parts, accessories, or modifications is NOT COVERED under the GM New Vehicle Limited Warranty or any GM service plans. To ensure continued warranty coverage, GM requires that collision, structural, and system-dependent repairs utilize GM OE parts and GM approved procedures.

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