



Collision Position Statement

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TRAILER HITCH REPAIR AND USE OF NON-GM HITCHES

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. GM Genuine Parts are designed, engineered, tested, and validated by GM.

Trailer Hitch Repair

GM does not recommend any repair of trailer hitches on Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, or Cadillac vehicles.

Because trailer hitches are load-carrying components, damage or repair may introduce conditions that are not visible during routine inspection and may affect attachment integrity or towing performance. For these reasons, GM does not approve hitch repair as a collision repair procedure.

Aftermarket Hitches

GM does not approve or support the installation or use of non-Genuine aftermarket trailer hitches on Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, and Cadillac vehicles. GM only endorses the use of factory-installed or GM Genuine OE trailer hitches and related components designed, engineered, tested, and validated by GM for the specific vehicle application.

Aftermarket parts are produced by companies other than GM and have not been designed, engineered, tested, or validated by GM for use on GM vehicles, and their conformity to GM specifications cannot be confirmed by GM.

Warranty and Service Plan Implications

Any damage, failure, or non-performance arising from the installation or presence of non-GM parts, accessories, or modifications is not covered under the GM New Vehicle Limited Warranty or GM service plans. To help ensure continued warranty coverage, GM requires that collision, structural, and system-dependent repairs utilize GM OE parts and GM approved procedures.

GM Recommendation

To help ensure that GM vehicles are returned as close as possible to their pre-collision condition and continue to perform as designed, GM recommends that collision repair facilities, insurers, and consumers:



- Do not repair damaged trailer hitches; replace them with the appropriate GM Genuine OE hitch assembly or applicable factory-approved service part.
- Follow GM applicable Service Information
- Do not install or rely upon non-GM aftermarket trailer hitches on Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, or Cadillac vehicles.
- If a consumer wishes to add a trailer hitch to a vehicle not originally equipped with one, use only the appropriate GM Original Equipment hitch and related components specified for that vehicle application.

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