

GM Faulty Ignition Recall

It should come as no surprise that General Motors has an ignition problem with their cars. It all comes down to bad design and poor quality control.



In 1970 I owned a Camaro where the engine would turn off while driving. It turned out that to save money a splice was made in the ignition harness by just twisting the wires together. Over time the splice came loose and caused an intermitted engine ignition.

In 1990 I owned a Cadillac. It would also turn off while driving. It did not matter whether I was going 25MPH or 60MPH. One time I was going 65MPH on the freeway and the engine just turned off resulting in the loss of both power brakes and steering. Sound familiar? Fortunately, I was able to restart the car before an accident occurred. In this case the dealer finally isolated the cause of the problem to an intermittent sensor switch on the accelerator associated with the smog equipment. The default, when the switch failed, was to turn off the engine even if the car was moving.



Has Government Motors (GM) learned their lesson? I think not.