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## #04-07-30-037E: Release of DEXRON-VI Automatic Transmission Fluid (ATF) - (Apr 7, 2011)

**Subject:** Release of DEXRON®-VI Automatic Transmission Fluid (ATF)

**Models:** 2008 and Prior GM Passenger Cars and Light Duty Trucks  
 2003-2008 HUMMER H2  
 2006-2008 HUMMER H3  
 2005-2007 Saturn Relay  
 2005 and Prior Saturn L-Series  
 2005-2007 Saturn ION  
 2005-2008 Saturn VUE with 4T45-E  
 2005-2008 Saab 9-7X



Except 2008 and Prior Chevrolet Aveo, Equinox  
 Except 2006 and Prior Chevrolet Epica  
 Except 2007 and Prior Chevrolet Optra  
 Except 2008 and Prior Pontiac Torrent, Vibe, Wave  
 Except 2003-2005 Saturn ION with CVT or AF23 Only  
 Except 1991-2002 Saturn S-Series  
 Except 2008 and Prior Saturn VUE with CVT, AF33 or 5AT (MJ7/MJ8) Transmission Only  
 Except 2008 Saturn Astra

**Attention:** DEXRON®-VI Automatic Transmission Fluid (ATF) is the only approved fluid for warranty repairs for General Motors transmissions/transaxles requiring DEXRON®-III and/or prior DEXRON® transmission fluids.

This bulletin is being revised to update information. Please discard Corporate Bulletin Number 04-07-30-037D (Section 07 - Transmission/Transaxle).

### [MANUAL TRANSMISSIONS / TRANSFER CASES and POWER STEERING](#)

*The content of this bulletin does not apply to manual transmissions or transfer cases. Any vehicle that previously required DEXRON®-III for a manual transmission or transfer case should now use P/N 88861800. This fluid is labeled Manual Transmission and Transfer Case Fluid. Some manual transmissions and transfer cases require a different fluid. Appropriate references should be checked when servicing any of these components.*

*Power Steering Systems should now use P/N 9985010 labeled Power Steering Fluid.*

**Consult the Parts Catalog, Owner's Manual, or Service Information (SI) for fluid recommendations.**

Some of our customers and/or General Motors dealerships/Saturn Retailers may have some concerns with DEXRON®-VI and DEXRON®-III Automatic Transmission Fluid (ATF) and transmission warranty claims. DEXRON®-VI is the only approved fluid for warranty repairs for General Motors transmissions/transaxles requiring DEXRON®-III and/or prior DEXRON® transmission fluids (except as noted above). Please remember that the clean oil reservoirs of the J-45096 - Flushing and Flow Tester machine should be purged of DEXRON®-III and filled with DEXRON®-VI for testing, flushing or filling General Motors transmissions/transaxles (except as noted above).

DEXRON®-VI can be used in any proportion in past model vehicles equipped with an automatic transmission/transaxle in place of DEXRON®-III (i.e. topping off the fluid in the event of a repair or fluid change). DEXRON®-VI is also compatible with any former version of DEXRON® for use in automatic transmissions/transaxles.

### **DEXRON®-VI ATF**

General Motors Powertrain has upgraded to DEXRON®-VI ATF with the start of 2006 vehicle production.

Current and prior automatic transmission models that had used DEXRON®-III must now only use DEXRON®-VI.

All 2006 and future model transmissions that use DEXRON®-VI are to be serviced ONLY with DEXRON®-VI fluid.

DEXRON®-VI is an improvement over DEXRON®-III in the following areas:

<b>DEXRON®-VI</b>	
Fluid Service Change Interval	160,000 km (100,000 mi) For Cars and Light Duty Trucks* 80,000 km (50,000 mi) (Severe Use) For Cars and Light Duty Trucks*
Clutch Friction Stability	Improved 100%
Clutch Durability Due To Fluid	Improved 120%
Oil Film Thickness	Increased 20%
Fluid Oxidation	Improved 100%
Foam/Aeration	Improved 150%

Shear Stability	Improved 200%
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\* These ATF change intervals remain the same as DEXRON®-III for the time being.

### **2006-2008 Transmission Fill and Cooler Flushing**

Some new applications of the 6L80 six speed transmission will require the use of the J 45096 - Flushing and Flow Tester to accomplish transmission fluid fill. The clean oil reservoir of the machine should be purged of DEXRON®-III and filled with DEXRON®-VI.

### **Parts Information**

<b>Part Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
88861003 (US)	DEXRON®-VI Auto Trans Fluid (1 qt bottle)
88861045 (US)	DEXRON®-VI Auto Trans Fluid (1 gal bottle)
88861046 (US)	DEXRON®-VI Auto Trans Fluid (55 gal drum)
19264717 (Canada)	DEXRON®-VI Auto Trans Fluid (1L bottle)
19264718 (Canada)	DEXRON®-VI Auto Trans Fluid (4L bottle)
19264719 (Canada)	DEXRON®-VI Auto Trans Fluid (205L drum)

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