



ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS

Bulletin BES 01-17

Subject: Snow Intrusion in General Motors rear drum brake assemblies.

Vehicles Involved:	1985-1987	Buick Somerset
	1985-1989	Buick Skyhawk
	1985-1998	Buick Skylark
	1985-1988	Cadillac Cimarron
	1985-1999	Chevrolet Cavalier
	1985-1988	Oldsmobile Firenza
	1985-1990	Oldsmobile Cutlass Calais
	1992-1998	Oldsmobile Achieva
	1985-1994	Pontiac Sunbird
	1985-1998	Pontiac Grand Am
	1995-2000	Pontiac Sunfire

Condition: Some customers may complain of rear brake drag, loud clunk or noise after they have operated their vehicles in snow, then the vehicle is parked for an extended amount of time.

Occasionally snow may enter one or perhaps both of the rear drum brake assemblies on the vehicles listed above. If the vehicle is then parked for an extended amount of time, the snow melt (water) may freeze to the brake shoes and drums. Under normal conditions the adhering shoe(s) will break free upon moving the vehicle. However, there have been cases reported where it was not possible to move the vehicle, until the restricted assemblies have been thawed out.

Repair Procedure: General Motors offers new backing plates to replace the existing ones. The revised backing plate is part number # 18015841. Refer to the service manual for replacement procedures.