

General Motors has issued a recall for 1.41 million vehicles, some dating to 1997, to fix a defect that has caused more than 1,300 engine fires.

The recall will be the third attempt to correct a problem in which motor oil leaks onto hot exhaust manifolds during what GM terms "hard braking." The problem can cause fires to break out after the engine ignition is shut off.

Previous recalls in 2009 and 2011 failed to correct the problem. A 2009 recall letter to car owners advised them not to "park your vehicle in a garage, car port of other structure."

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