

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

Brandy Smith, *on behalf of herself and all
others similarly situated,*

Plaintiff,

vs.

General Motors LLC,

Defendant.

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Civil Action No.: 9:20-cv-101

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Brandy Smith, by undersigned counsel, brings the following complaint against General Motors LLC, and alleges, on her own behalf and on behalf of all those similarly situated, as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. Plaintiff, Brandy Smith (“Plaintiff” or “Ms. Smith”) brings this lawsuit on her own behalf and on behalf of a proposed class of past and present Texas owners and lessees of defective 2017-2018 GMC Acadia vehicles (the “Class Vehicles”) designed, manufactured, marketed, distributed, sold, warranted, and serviced by General Motors LLC (“GM” or “Defendant”).¹

2. The Class Vehicles contain a defect whereby the vehicles fail to detect that the driver placed the car in “Park” and prevents the vehicle driver from shutting off and locking the vehicle. Instead, the Class Vehicles display a “Shift to Park” message on the instrument cluster even though the gear shifter is already in “Park” (hereinafter the “Shifter Defect”).

¹ Plaintiff initially sued General Motors, LLC on October 16, 2018 in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut. *See Napoli-Bosse et al. v. General Motors LLC*, No. 3:18-cv-01720-MPS (D. Conn., Oct. 16, 2018) (ECF No. 1). On April 8, 2020, Plaintiff’s claims were dismissed for lack of personal jurisdiction. *Napoli-Bosse et al. v. General Motors LLC*, No. 3:18-cv-01720-MPS (D. Conn., Apr. 06, 2020) (ECF No. 27).

3. As a result of this Shifter Defect, Plaintiff and members of the Class are unable to shut off their vehicles and, to avoid battery discharge, are forced to resort to all sort of gimmicks to get their vehicles to detect that the shift lever is in fact in “Park.”

4. Plaintiff has given GM a reasonable opportunity to cure the Shifter Defect, but GM has been unable to do so within a reasonable period of time.

5. GM’s conduct is in breach of contract, in breach of express and implied warranties, and in breach of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2301, *et seq.* (the “MMWA”).

6. GM has and will continue to benefit from its unlawful conduct – by selling and leasing more vehicles, at a higher price, and avoiding warranty obligations – while consumers are harmed at the point of sale as their vehicles suffer from the Shifter Defect which GM cannot fix. Had Plaintiff and other proposed class members known about the defect at the time of purchase or lease, they would not have bought or leased the Class Vehicles, or would have paid substantially less for them.

7. To remedy GM’s unlawful conduct, Plaintiff, on behalf of proposed class members, seeks damages and restitution from GM, as well as notification to class members about the defect with the Class Vehicles’ shifters.

PARTIES

8. Plaintiff, Brandy Smith, is an adult individual residing in Huntington, Texas. Previously Smith resided in Diboll, Texas, and prior to June of 2018 Smith resided in Lufkin, Texas, for approximately thirty eight (38) years. Thus, Smith is a citizen of Texas.

9. Defendant General Motors LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business located at 300 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan. GM’s sole member is General Motors Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company with its

principal place of business in Michigan. General Motors Holdings LLC's sole member is General Motors Company, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Michigan. Thus, Defendant General Motors LLC is a citizen of Delaware and Michigan.

10. Defendant General Motors LLC is registered to do business in the State of Texas. Defendant General Motors LLC, through its various entities, designs, manufactures, markets, distributes, services, repairs, sells, and leases passenger vehicles, including the Class Vehicles, nationwide and in Texas. Defendant General Motors LLC is the warrantor and distributor of the Class Vehicles in the United States.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

11. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d) of the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 because: (i) there are 100 or more class members, (ii) there is an aggregate amount in controversy exceeding \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and (iii) there is minimal diversity because Plaintiff and GM are citizens of different states. This Court also has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because Plaintiff presents a claim under the federal Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2301, *et seq.* As to the state law claims, this Court has supplemental jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367.

12. Personal jurisdiction and venue are proper in this District as Plaintiff purchased her vehicle, which is the subject of this action, in this District and presented it for repair to Defendant's authorized dealerships in this District. Thus, a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to Plaintiff's claims occurred in this District.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

13. In May of 2016 GM began sales of a redesigned GMC Acadia vehicle and has since sold hundreds of thousands of Class Vehicles nationwide for model year 2017 and 2018.

14. All Class Vehicles suffer from a defect with their transmission shifter which intermittently causes Class Vehicles to not enter park mode, displays a “Shift to Park” message on the instrument cluster, prevents the vehicle driver from shutting off and locking the vehicle, even though the vehicle’s shift lever is in the “Park” position.

15. The Shifter Defect substantially impairs the value, safety, and use of the Class Vehicles to the Plaintiff and members of the Class, as they are unable to shut off their vehicles, are unable to lock their vehicles, and, to avoid battery discharge and to shut the vehicle off, are forced to resort to all sort of gimmicks to get their vehicles to detect that the shift lever is in fact in “Park.”

16. Indeed, Plaintiff has repeatedly found herself stranded inside her vehicle at home, at work, at school, and at various other places away from home, unable to shut her vehicle off.

17. To get her vehicle to detect that the shifter is in fact in “Park,” Plaintiff was forced to repeatedly wiggle the shifter, shift it through its gears, and start and shut off the engine.

18. Plaintiff complained at least half a dozen times to GM’s authorized dealership of the Shifter Defect, but was repeatedly told that since the Shifter Defect did not manifest itself at the time she complained, the dealership would attempt no repairs.

19. Plaintiff’s experiences are not unique; numerous other consumers have complained about the same issue. For example, carcomplaints.com is a website that republishes NHTSA complaints. The site includes the following complaints:²

² Available at https://www.carcomplaints.com/GMC/Acadia/2017/drivetrain/power_train.shtml and https://www.carcomplaints.com/GMC/Acadia/2018/drivetrain/power_train.shtml (last visited May 13, 2020).

- Additionally, the car dashboard gives out commands for putting the car in park after it is stationary. (posted on August 24, 2018 by a driver from Kernersville, NC);
- When the car is parked on a flat surface (inside the garage, parking garage, parking lot), the car will display "shift to park" when it is already in park. The accessories stay on until the driver is able to get the car's computer to notice the car is in park. (Posted on August 18, 2018 by a driver from Aurora, CO);
- Placed the vehicle in park, it was stationary and it rolled forward. Message in the info center said "shift to park". I was parking in a mall parking lot. this has occurred 5 times. I can push the gearshift back and forth and then it can be turned off and the message will disappear. I took it to the dealership and was told they are waiting on GM to see what can be done. (Posted on July 5, 2018 by a driver from Prescott, AR);
- When the vehicle is in park and you try to turn it off with the start/stop button an on dash error code of "shift to park" appears even though the vehicle is clearly in park. You are not able to turn the vehicle off. I took the vehicle in for service on 6/4/18 and was told that GM is aware of the issue however their engineers have not found a solution. This currently is forcing me restart the engine, put my car in reverse, shift back in drive, try re parking and turning off again repeating the process until it eventually turns off. I do not know if my car is truly in gear or not. I'm afraid that it might cause a dangerous situation. (Posted on June 3, 2018 by a driver from Portage, MI);
- A message shift to park kept appearing when the car was in park and shut off. (Posted on May 21, 2018 by a driver from Jacksonville, FL);
- When you put the shifter in park it does not recognize & cabin alarm starts to beep. The vehicle will also leave its headlights on overnight & drain your battery. Took to dealer and they [couldn't] do anything about it. It's been 2 weeks and no letter of resolution from manufacturer as the dealer said. (Posted on June 19, 2018 by a driver from Cody, WY).

20. In addition, about two dozen consumers posted their complaints about the Shifter Defect on GMC Acadia enthusiast website acadiaforum.net, which Defendant or its agents monitor.³ One driver posted that his 2017 Acadia has been suffering from the same Shifter Defect “sporadically over the past 2 weeks and now it does it every day,” that he took it to dealer only to be told that there is no fix, that “GM engineering is working on it,” and that to get the “shift to park” warning to cease he could hold his “foot on the brake pedal and

³ Available at <https://www.acadiaforum.net/8-gmc-acadia/29417-2017-shift-park-message.html> (last visited October 9, 2018).

wigggl[e] the shifter handle then release both every few seconds ... [t]hen the message goes away 5-10 seconds later.”⁴

21. The Shifter Defect is inherent in all Class Vehicles, and the Shifter Defect is the same for all Class Vehicles.

22. GM is well aware of the defect. On May 29, 2018, GM first issued Technical Service Bulletin (“TSB”) No. PIT5616A. The TSB is titled “VEHICLE DISPLAYS SHIFT TO PARK MESSAGE ON DIC WHEN IN PARK. VEHICLE MAY NOT SHUT OFF WHEN PUT IN PARK OR MAY NOT START” and warns that that due to an “unknown” cause the Class Vehicles may exhibit the afore-mentioned defect. That TSB stated “Engineering is still investigating the root cause.”

23. On October 3, 2018, GM issued a subsequent TSB, No. 18-NA-297, entitled “Message Displaying Shift to Park when in Park.” The TSB states that “[s]ome customers may comment on an intermittent Shift to Park message when in Park and turning off the vehicle,” and that “[t]he cause of the condition may be the park switch in the transmission control (shifter) assembly not pulling BCM signal low to electronically show Park condition.” The TSB provides that the defect can be corrected by “[r]eplac[ing] the transmission control (shifter) assembly.”

24. However, while TSB No. 18-NA-297 purports to provide a correction for the Shifter Defect, GM did not come up with this fix until more than two year after it began selling the unmerchantable Class Vehicles; during that period of time the Class Vehicles suffered from the Shifter Defect without any fix.

⁴ Available at <https://www.acadiaforum.net/8-gmc-acadia/29417-2017-shift-park-message.html> (last visited October 9, 2018).

25. Moreover, as set forth below, Plaintiff initially experienced the Shifter Defect on April 1, 2017 and complained to GM about the Shifter Defect on April 3, 2017, *more than eighteen (18) months before* TSB No. 18-NA-297 was released.

26. Each Class Vehicle sale or lease is accompanied with GM's identical 3-year / 36,000-mile New Vehicle Limited Warranty.

27. Prior to purchasing or leasing their vehicles, Plaintiff relied upon GM's representations of a New Vehicle Limited Warranty ("NVLW") that accompanied the sale of the vehicle, and such representations were material to Plaintiff's decision to purchase and lease their vehicles.

28. The terms of GM's NVLW are contained in the warranty booklet that Plaintiff and all class members received at the time they purchased or leased the Class Vehicles.

29. GM's warranty booklet sets forth the terms of its New Vehicle Limited Warranty as follows:

GMC will provide for repairs to the vehicle during the warranty period in accordance with the following terms, conditions, and limitations.

Warranty Applies

This warranty is for GMC vehicles registered in the United States and normally operated in the United States and is provided to the original and any subsequent owners of the vehicle during the warranty period.

Repairs Covered

The warranty covers repairs to correct any vehicle defect, not slight noise, vibrations, or other normal characteristics of the vehicle due to materials or workmanship occurring during the warranty period. Needed repairs will be performed using new, remanufactured, or refurbished parts.

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Obtaining Repairs

To obtain warranty repairs, take the vehicle to a GMC dealer facility within the warranty period and request the needed repairs. Reasonable time must be allowed for the dealer to perform necessary repairs.

30. GM controls execution of all warranty repairs by its dealers, as it provides training, materials, special tools, diagnostic software, and replacement parts to its dealers, and demands that the warranty repairs be performed in a strict accordance with its repair guidelines, Technical Service Bulletins, and other instructions.

31. In return, GM pays its authorized dealerships a monetary compensation for such warranty repairs.

32. Therefore, GM's authorized dealers are its agents for purpose of vehicle repairs, and knowledge of a defect reported to any such dealer can be imputed to GM.

A. Plaintiff Brandy Smith's Individual Allegations

33. On February 28, 2017, Plaintiff purchased a new 2017 GMC Acadia, Vehicle Identification Number 1GKKNKLA4HZ209019 (hereafter the "Smith Vehicle") from Wright Buick GMC in Lufkin, Texas, an authorized dealership of the Defendant (hereafter, "Wright GMC").

34. Wright GMC assured Ms. Smith that the vehicle was accompanied by GM's New Vehicle Limited Warranty and was free from defects of workmanship. She was told the Smith Vehicle was a brand new car, a newer model, and that there should be no problems and nothing wrong with it. Wright GMC further assured Smith this was a very reliable car.

35. Despite these assurances, the Smith Vehicle is neither problem-free nor reliable.

36. On or about April 1, 2017, Smith experienced the Shifter Defect.

37. A few days later, on or about April 3, 2017, Smith complained about the Shifter Defect to Wright GMC.

38. Wright GMC, however, failed and/or refused to undertake any repairs since the Shifter Defect failed to manifest itself at the time Smith complained.

39. Since that first complaint Smith continued to experience the Shifter Defect.

40. Smith has repeatedly found herself stranded inside her vehicle at home, at work, when picking up children at school, and at various other places away from home, unable to shut her vehicle off.

41. On December 9, 2017, Smith took her daughter to the hospital but was delayed at the parking lot due to the Shifter Defect, unable to shut off her car.

42. Similarly, in early 2018 Smith used her short work lunch-break to go to Wal-Mart, but found herself unable to shut off her car due to the Shifter Defect.

43. To get her vehicle to detect that the shifter was in fact in the “Park” position, Smith was forced to repeatedly wiggle the shifter, shift it through its gears, or drive an additional distance and then attempt again.

44. Starting in April of 2017, Smith took her vehicle at least 6 times to Wright GMC to complain and to get a repair.

45. Wright GMC, however, failed and/or refused to undertake any repairs each and every time since the Shifter Defect failed to manifest itself at the time Smith complained.

46. On January 10, 2019, Smith, through counsel, through her counsel, sent a letter to GM advising it that the Smith Vehicle suffered from the Shifter Defect and still had not been repaired.

47. Ultimately, GM failed to repair the Shifter Defect in the Smith Vehicle during the relevant warranty period.

48. In or around March 2019, Plaintiff again asked GM’s authorized dealership to repair the Shifter Defect. In response, Plaintiff was advised that she would be required to pay

out-of-pocket for a repair attempt because her vehicle was no longer within the warranty period.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

A. The Class

49. Plaintiff brings this case as a class action on behalf of a class of Texas residents pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a), 23(b)(2), and/or 23(b)(3).

Texas Class: All persons or entities in Texas who bought or leased a 2017-2018 GMC Acadia (the “Texas Class” or the “Class”).

50. Defendant and its employees or agents are excluded from the Class.

B. Numerosity

51. Upon information and belief, the Texas Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. While the exact number and identities of individual members of the Class are unknown at this time, such information being in the sole possession of Defendant and obtainable by Plaintiff only through the discovery process, Plaintiff believes, and on that basis alleges, that tens of thousands of Class Vehicles have been sold and leased in Texas.

C. Common Questions of Law and Fact

52. There are questions of law and fact common to the Class that predominate over any questions affecting only individual Class members. These questions include:

- a. Whether the Class Vehicles were sold with a defective transmission gear shifter that causes the vehicle to intermittently display a “Shift to Park” message even though the shifter is in “Park” position;
- b. Whether the Class Vehicles were sold with a defective gear shifter that prevents such vehicles from shutting off and being locked;
- c. Whether the Class Vehicles were sold with a defective gear shifter that

prevents such vehicles from starting their engines;

- d. Whether Defendant knew about the above-described defect but failed to disclose the problem and its consequences to its customers;
- e. Whether Defendant breached its contract when it failed to repair the defect with the transmission gear shifter;
- f. Whether Defendant breached express warranties and MMWA when it failed to repair the defect with the transmission gear shifter;
- g. Whether Defendant breached implied warranties and MMWA when it sold vehicles that contain defect with its transmission gear shifter;
- h. Whether Defendant is liable for damages, and the amount of such damages;
- i. Whether Defendant should be required to disclose the existence of the defect; and
- j. Whether Plaintiff and class members are entitled to equitable relief including injunctive relief.

D. Typicality

53. The Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class since Plaintiff purchased a defective Class Vehicle, as did each member of the Class. Furthermore, Plaintiff and all members of the Class sustained economic injuries arising out of Defendant's wrongful conduct. Plaintiff is advancing the same claim and legal theory on behalf of herself and all absent Class members.

E. Protecting the Interests of the Class Members

54. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class and has retained counsel experienced in handling class actions and claims involving unlawful business

practices. Neither Plaintiff nor her counsel has any interest which might cause them not to vigorously pursue this action.

F. Proceeding Via Class Action is Superior and Advisable

55. A class action is the superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. The injury suffered by each individual Class member is relatively small in comparison to the burden and expense of individual prosecution of the complex and extensive litigation necessitated by Defendant's conduct. It would be virtually impossible for members of the Class individually to redress effectively the wrongs done to them. Even if the members of the Class could afford such individual litigation, the court system could not. Individualized litigation presents a potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments. Individualized litigation increases the delay and expense to all parties, and to the court system, presented by the complex legal and factual issues of the case. By contrast, the class action device presents far fewer management difficulties, and provides the benefits of single adjudication, an economy of scale, and comprehensive supervision by a single court. Upon information and belief, members of the Class can be readily identified and notified based on, inter alia, Defendant's vehicle identification numbers, warranty claims, registration records, and database of complaints.

56. Defendant has acted, and refused to act, on grounds generally applicable to the Classes, thereby making appropriate final equitable relief with respect to the Classes as a whole.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Breach of Contract

57. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.

58. In connection with the sale or lease of the Class Vehicles, the Plaintiff and class member entered into a written contract with the Defendant under which the Defendant agreed to repair original components found to be defective in material or workmanship under normal use and maintenance, including the transmission and its components.

59. Plaintiff and class members relied on Defendant's promise to repair the Class Vehicles within a reasonable time and without charge to the Plaintiff and class members when they agreed to purchase or lease the Class Vehicles and Defendant's promise to repair was part of the basis of the bargain.

60. Plaintiff and class members submitted their Vehicles to Defendant for the Shifter Defect repair as referenced herein. However, Defendant failed to comply with the terms of such written contract it provided to the Plaintiff and each Class member, by failing and/or refusing to repair the Shifter Defect as promised, and/or failing to repair the Shifter Defect within a reasonable period of time.

61. Plaintiff and class members have given Defendant reasonable opportunities to cure said defect, but Defendant has been unable and/or has refused to do so within a reasonable time.

62. Defendant's breach of the contract has resulted in material damages to Plaintiff and the members of the Class.

63. As a direct and proximate result of the willful failure of Defendant to comply with its obligations under the contract, Plaintiff and Class members have suffered actual and consequential damages. Such damages include, but are not limited to, the loss of the use and enjoyment of their vehicles, and a diminution in the value of the vehicles containing the defects identified herein.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

**Breach of Warranty Pursuant to the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act,
15 U.S.C. §2301, *et seq.***

64. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.

65. Plaintiff and members of the Class are each a “consumer” as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(3).

66. Defendant is a “supplier” and “warrantor” as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(4) and (5).

67. The Class Vehicles are each a “consumer product” as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(6). 15 U.S.C. § 2310(d)(1) provides a cause of action for any consumer who is damaged by the failure of a warrantor to comply with the written and implied warranties.

68. 15 U.S.C. § 2304(a)(1) requires Defendant, as a warrantor, to remedy any defect, malfunction or nonconformance of the Class Vehicles within a reasonable time and without charge to the Plaintiff and Class members.

69. The Defendant’s failure and/or refusal to repair the Class Vehicles’ Shifter Defect within the applicable warranty period constitutes a breach of the written and implied warranties applicable to the Class Vehicles.

70. Despite repeated demands, Defendant has failed to remedy the Class Vehicles’ defects within a reasonable time, and/or a reasonable number of attempts, thereby breaching the written and implied warranties applicable to the Class Vehicles.

71. As a result of Defendant’s breaches of the written and implied warranties, and Defendant’s failure to remedy the same within a reasonable time, Plaintiff and class members have suffered damages.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

Breach of Express Warranty under Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. § 2.313

72. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.

73. In connection with the sale or lease of the Class Vehicles to Plaintiff and Class members, Defendant provided Plaintiff and class members with a New Vehicle Limited Warranty, under which it agreed to repair original components found to be defective in material or workmanship under normal use and maintenance, including the transmission and its components.

74. Plaintiff and Class members relied on Defendant's warranties when they agreed to purchase or lease the Class Vehicles and Defendant's warranties were part of the basis of the bargain.

75. Plaintiff and Class members submitted their Vehicles for warranty repairs as referenced herein. Defendant failed to comply with the terms of the express written warranty provided to each Class member, by failing and/or refusing to repair the subject defect under the vehicle's warranty as described herein.

76. Plaintiff and Class members have given Defendant reasonable opportunities to cure said defect, but Defendant has been unable and/or has refused to do so within a reasonable time.

77. As a result of said nonconformities, Plaintiff and Class members cannot reasonably rely on the Class Vehicles for the ordinary purpose of safe, reliable, comfortable, and efficient transportation.

78. Plaintiff and Class members could not reasonably have discovered said nonconformities with the Class Vehicles prior to Plaintiff's and Class members' acceptance of the Class Vehicles.

79. Plaintiff and Class members would not have purchased or leased the Class Vehicles, or would have paid less for the Class Vehicles, had they known, prior to their respective time of purchase or lease, that Class Vehicles contained the Shifter Defect.

80. As a direct and proximate result of the willful failure of Defendant to comply with its obligations under the express warranties, Plaintiff and Class members have suffered actual and consequential damages. Such damages include, but are not limited to, the loss of the use and enjoyment of their vehicles, and a diminution in the value of the vehicles containing the defects identified herein.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Breach of the Implied Warranty of Merchantability Pursuant to the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. §2301, *et seq.* and Tex. Bus. & Com. Code § 2.314

81. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.

82. Defendant is a merchant with respect to motor vehicles.

83. The Class Vehicles were subject to implied warranties of merchantability running from the Defendant to Plaintiff and Class members.

84. An implied warranty that the Class Vehicles were merchantable arose by operation of law as part of the sale or lease of the Class Vehicles.

85. Defendant breached the implied warranty of merchantability in that the Class Vehicles suffer from the defects referenced herein and thus were not in merchantable condition when Plaintiff and class members purchased or leased the subject vehicles, or at any

time thereafter, and the Class Vehicles are unfit for the ordinary purposes for which such vehicles are used.

86. As a result of Defendant's breach of the applicable implied warranties, owners and lessees of the Class Vehicles suffered an ascertainable loss of money, property, and/or value of their Class Vehicles. Additionally, as a result of the Shifter Defect, Plaintiff and the Class members were harmed and suffered actual damages in that the Class Vehicles' Shifter Defect is substantially certain to manifest itself before and after the expiration of applicable warranties.

87. Defendant's actions, as complained of herein, breached the implied warranty that the Class Vehicles were of merchantable quality and fit for such use.

DEMAND FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, pray for judgment against Defendant as follows:

- a. An order certifying the proposed Class, designating Plaintiff as named representative of the Class, and designating the undersigned as Class Counsel;
- b. An order approving revocation of acceptance of the Class Vehicles;
- c. Money damages, in the form of a refund of the full contract price, including trade-in allowance, taxes, fees, insurance premiums, interest, and costs, and a refund of all payments made by Plaintiff and class members on the subject contracts;
- d. Equitable relief including, but not limited to, replacement of the Class Vehicles with new vehicles, or repair of the defective Class Vehicles with an extension of the express warranties and service contracts which are or

were applicable to the Class Vehicles, in the event that Plaintiff is not found to be entitled to revocation;

- e. A declaration requiring Defendant to comply with the various provisions of the state and federal consumer protection statutes herein alleged and to make all the required disclosures;
- f. Incidental and consequential damages;
- g. Punitive damages;
- h. Reasonable attorneys' fees and costs;
- i. Pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, as provided by law;
- j. Plaintiff demands that Defendant perform a recall, and repair all Class Vehicles; and
- k. Such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

TRIAL BY JURY DEMANDED ON ALL COUNTS

Dated: May 14, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Brandy Smith, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated,

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff County of Angelina
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)
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General Motors LLC,

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(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF
THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☒ 3 Federal Question
(U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☐ 4 Diversity
(Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.](#)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act IMMIGRATION <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)) <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutional of State Statutes
REAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	CIVIL RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education PRISONER PETITIONS Habeas Corpus: <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty Other: <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement			

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding
- ☐ 2 Removed from State Court
- ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
- ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
- ☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)
- ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer
- ☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTIONCite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
15 U.S.C. §2301, et seq.

Brief description of cause:

Breach of Warranty Pursuant to the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**☒ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

DEMAND \$

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CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER 9:20-cv-101

DATE

05/14/2020

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

/s/ Jody B. Burton

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