



The US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has ordered General Motors to mind their Ps and Qs—and their Vs, Os, and Rs. Almost 33,000 Chevrolet Cruzes in the United States are being recalled by GM for noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard N° 108. The defect: the headlamp lenses do not bear a "VOR" marking indicating that the lamps are to be aimed using the cutoff at the top of the right side of the low beam pattern.

Recent IIHS tests indicting headlamp aim on new vehicles notwithstanding, GM aim the lamps on the assembly line. Nevertheless, the absent marking could potentially cause confusion in the unlikely event of a serious attempt to check and adjust the aim in the field. The determination has been made that without the "VOR" marking, the headlamps could be improperly aimed during service, reducing the driver's nighttime visibility and increasing the risk of a crash.

The affected vehicles are 2016 (new model) Chevrolet Cruze LT and Premier cars made between 5 November 2015 and 26 May 2016. Although FMVSS N° 108 requires the marking to be indelibly printed onto or moulded into the lens, the negotiated remedy is that GM will mail self-adhesive labels to owners, along with instructions on how and where to affix the decals. Owners not wishing to apply the stickers themselves may have it done free of charge at a GM dealership.