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General Motors Vision Statement: GM's vision is to be the world leader in transportation products and related services. We will earn our customers' enthusiasm through continuous improvement driven by the integrity, teamwork and innovation of GM people.

Update on Work Leaving Grand Rapids

The following is a list of parts and common stable part codes that Grand Rapids will be shipping, or has already shipped, over the next two weeks. We will keep you posted as more moves are announced.

GR Press Line	Part Code	Die Ship Date	Receiving Plant
OO3	B3593	05/18/2009	MAR
CTL	A2349B	05/18/2009	MAR
OO3	A0065-A2349	05/18/2009	WTZ
MA	A2210	05/18/2009	PPM
CTL	B3593B	05/19/2009	MAR
PP3	B3594	05/19/2009	MAR
CC1	A8147	05/19/2009	INDY
CTL	A0054B	05/20/2009	MAR
CTL	A0055B	05/20/2009	MAR
CO5	B3733B	05/20/2009	FLINT
CO5	B3426B	05/20/2009	FLINT
CO5	B3828B	05/20/2009	FLINT
E1	A0054-58	05/20/2009	WTZ
E1	A0055-59	05/20/2009	WTZ
CTL	A0178B	05/20/2009	SPH
E1	A0178-A0187	05/20/2009	SPH
E1	A2324-5	05/20/2009	SPH
A2325B	CTL	05/20/2009	SPH
MM0	A2199	05/21/2009	MAN
NN2	B2518	05/21/2009	INDY

Product Information

See page four of today's AutoKnow for information on the 2010 Chevy Equinox available at dealerships in June.





Safety Hazards Take No Downtime

With the movement of parts and our plant closing date looming so close, we may lose sight of safety as our number one priority. No matter what the state of the plant, the company or the economy, think of how those concerns would move to the back of our minds if we or a loved one were injured.

An accident or injury brings life into perspective every time they happen. We can let our troubles go and realize how lucky we are to be healthy and have our friends and families. Don't let it take an accident or injury to help you realize what is important to you.

Keep your focus on the safe way to accomplish every task and look out for others. It isn't easy to remind or warn someone if they are not following procedure or wearing proper PPE; however, please do warn others if you see a potentially bad situation.

Be on the alert to keep yourself and those around you safe.

How to Answer the “*Why Should I Care?*” Question

Check Out this Website – www.levelfieldinstitute.org

We have all read or heard the question: “Why should I care if GM survives – why does it matter to me?” Through casual conversations with neighbors, at a child’s school activity or standing in line at the grocery store – GM employees are one of the best resources to answer this question. The Level Field Institute has published the answer to many questions comparing GM against the foreign manufacturers and has a tremendous amount of facts that can help answer the “Why should I care” question.

Here is a sample of the data they have published:

- GM employs nearly as many Americans as all foreign automakers combined.
- Nearly three million US jobs depend on automakers. For every one auto employee; nine more US jobs are supported in surrounding communities.
- Buying a GM vehicle supports 78 jobs (jobs per car JBC data based on 2,500 cars) vs. 34 jobs that are supported by the foreign car manufacturers.
- GM vehicles contain 75 percent domestic parts vs. 33 percent domestic parts in foreign automobiles.
- Auto parts suppliers are the largest employer in five states and a top five employer in 11 other states.

The Level Field Institute was formed by a group of retired autoworkers. For more information, visit their website at www.levelfieldinstitute.org

Part-Time Communications Help

I want to introduce myself . I am the Communications Manager at the GM Powertrain Saginaw and Bay City facilities and am going to be helping out here at GRMP for the next few weeks. If there is anything you think I may be able to help with, please contact me. I have already received a warm welcome and quick response for my request for articles for the newsletter.

I look forward to getting to know as many people as I can during my limited time with you. You can contact me at lucy.r.hellickson@gm.com or my cell phone at 989.213.2615.

Thanks,

Lucy Hellickson

Coping with Stress

As our plant operations wind down, the resulting changes in our lives become more real, and the stress can be intense. If you or a family member are feeling overwhelmed, remember that confidential Employee Assistance resources are available to hourly and salaried employees and your families, even when you're laid off or retired.

Whether your worries are related to finances, relationships, parenting, grief, depression, alcohol, or something else, sometimes it can help to talk the concerns through. I can also give you information about helpful resources or provide a counseling referral if needed.

For help, please contact me by email at angie.vanarnam@gm.com or by phone at (616) 246-3151.

Your Employee Assistance Representative
Angie Van Arnam

All the adversity I've had in my life, all my troubles have strengthened me...you may not realize it when it happens, but a kick in the teeth may be the best thing in the world for you.

-Walt Disney

What's New in the Grand Rapids Transitional Self-Help Center

- **Job Fair for Veterans & GRMP Employees**

Date: May 14, 2009

Time: GM and Veterans 10:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

General Public 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: Michigan National Guard Armory

1200 44th St. SW, Wyoming

Expecting 75 different employers!

- **Resume and Interview Skills Workshops**

Note: New Dates Added

Where: Grand Rapids Metal Plant

Conference Room 2/2A

When: May 20 – Noon to 2:00 pm

May 28 – Noon to 2:00 pm

June 4 – Noon to 2:00 pm

June 11 – Noon to 2:00 pm

Who: All Grand Rapids Metal Plant employees
(hourly and salary)

Sign-up sheets are posted on the board outside the Transitional Self-Help Center. **The resume and interview skills workshops are events required if pursuing NWLB funds.**

- **Labor Market Information Workshop**

Where: Grand Rapids Metal Plant

Conf. Room 4/4A

When: May 20, 3:15 to 5:00 p.m.

Who: All Grand Rapids Metal Plant employees
(70 seats per class)

Sign Up at the Transitional Self-Help Center

- Visit the Transitional Self-Help Center website:

www.transitionselfhelpcenter.com

Shoe Store Hours

The shoe store will be open on Friday, May 15 and Friday, May 29, from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



GM Products – Equinox 32 MPG Highway

At the NAIAS in Detroit this year it was announced that the Equinox would be the 9th vehicle in the Chevy lineup to reach an EPA estimated 30 MPG. Based on GM testing, GM has announced they have exceeded initial estimates and the new Equinox is expected to offer an estimated 32 MPG on the highway! Final EPA estimates making this official are expected shortly. This is best-in-segment highway fuel economy and results in a highway driving range of up to 600 miles. Equinox front-wheel drive models with the direct-injected 2.4L I-4 engine will have an EPA estimated 22 city/32 highway MPG.

As a frame of reference, our biggest competitors in this segment and their 2009 EPA fuel economy estimates:

Honda CR-V:	20/27
Toyota RAV-4:	22/28

The all-new Equinox raises the bar for compact SUVs, combining excellent fuel economy with the utility today's families need. Available in LS, LT and LTZ trim models with available all-wheel-drive.

The Equinox will be on sale late June, 2009, for \$23,185 MSRP. Let your family and friends know about this exciting new product in the GM line up of great cars and trucks.

The only way that we can survive this difficult time is to sell our cars and trucks. We have a great line up of vehicles. Make it your business to learn more about our products so that you can be a GM Ambassador.

2010 Chevrolet Equinox Fast Facts

Fuel economy of a sedan with the utility of a crossover

- 32MPG highway fuel economy! Best in segment – period.
- Two fuel-efficient direct-injection engines available
- Eco-mode available for increased fuel economy
- 9th vehicle to get 30 mpg in the Chevy lineup
- 601 mile range!

Sets new standard by offering many best-in-class and unexpected features

- Safety comes standard
 - Advanced, low-risk deployment front air bags
 - Front-seat-mounted pelvic/thorax side air bags
 - Two-row head curtain air bags
 - Electronic stability control
 - Rollover mitigation
 - OnStar
 - One-touch electronic child-safety door lockout switch

Why Buy GM?

President and CEO Fritz Henderson answered that question when it was posed by CNN's Wolf Blitzer, reports *GM DriveTime*.

Blitzer asked: "Make the case to the viewers out there right now, given all this talk of potential bankruptcy and the major problems GM is facing right now, why should somebody go out and buy a GM car?" Henderson said: "First, we have fantastic cars and trucks. That's first and foremost. They should do it because they love our cars and trucks.

"Second is, we will succeed. We will get through this. President Obama said at the end of March that it is the administration's view that GM could be viable and would be viable and successful going forward. He basically then went on to stand behind the service and the warranty of our products at that point and say very unequivocally that the customers can have confidence that they can buy a GM car or truck. We will get through this and we will take care of customers. We will be there and you're going to be really happy buying a GM car or truck."