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## AutoReview

The 2019 Buick Regal GS packs a potent engine and racing inspired design that turns heads for being a sleek-looking mid-size sedan with a cleverly designed hatchback.

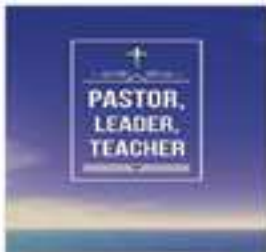
Starting at \$39,995, every Regal GS is motivated by a naturally aspirated 3.6-liter V-6 engine that develops 310 horsepower. A standard all-wheel-drive system not only improves traction in slippery conditions, it also helps the GS corner better. A pair of Brembo front-brake calipers helped haul the GS from 70 mph to zero in a notable 164 feet.

Inside, the GS boasts snazzy and supportive front seats that

have heating, cooling, and massaging functions. A flat-bottom steering wheel and metal pedals hint at sportiness. An eight-inch touch screen is standard. Options include a head-up display, wireless charging, and an eight-speaker Bose audio system. A host of driver-assistance technology is available, such as adaptive cruise control and lane-keeping assist.

The 2019 Regal GS comes standard with front and front-side airbags, front knee air bags-full length side curtain airbags, stability and traction control, anti-lock brakes, a rearview camera, blind spot monitoring.

## Sleek and Potent Regal GS

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## Natural Grocers Apology for Noose

Racist emblem  
traced to store  
worker's auto

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Natural Grocers apologized Friday after a miniature noose was found hanging from a rear view mirror outside the store in a car of one of its employees. The store is located in a retail shopping complex with African American roots at the corner of Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Alberta Street.

In a response to the Portland Observer on Tuesday, Natural Grocers spokesperson Amber Dutra would not confirm the employee was the manager, but expected to have more information in the next 48 hours pending an investigation by the company.

"This matter is a top priority for Natural Grocers, and we are working as quickly as possible to complete our disciplinary action,"



PHOTO BY COLE REED/FACEBOOK

A miniature noose is found hanging from a car's rear view mirror in the parking lot of the Natural Grocers on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Neighbors traced the image to a manager at the store and posted it online.

Dutra said.

The proprietors of an art gallery located in the same complex, Cole Reed and her wife Dayna, were going grocery shopping Thursday with their 4-year-old son when Dayna originally spotted the noose, the Oregonian reported.

Reed, who is African American, posted a picture of the car and noose on social media, after being told the car belonged to a manager of the store.

"You have a noose in your car, and you are a leader in our community whether it's earned or promoted. That's not what you do," Reed reportedly told the manager.

The offending item has since been removed, Natural Grocers said.

Michelle DePass, who recently secured a seat as the only African American board member of

Portland Public Schools, called the noose an unacceptable racist display, and shared Reed's social media post, calling for people to "blast" the grocery chain's Instagram account.

Dion Jordan, an African American community member and an equity and inclusion manager for Multnomah County posted that most people who are not black cannot even imagine what facing a racist symbol feels like.

"How would you like to go to a grocery store in your neighborhood and see a symbol of hate, death, and murder towards you and those who look like you?" Jordan posted, adding that "The apology means nothing if that person is not fired."

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