



U.S. Department
of Transportation

National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline
Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire
To Report Vehicle Safety Defects
1-888-DASH-2-DOT
(1-888-327-4236)
INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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Date Received **FEB 10 AM 5:20**
OFFICE OF DEFECTS INVESTIGATION
Reference No. **10002229**

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name **[REDACTED]**
Address **[REDACTED]**
City **HOPEWILLS** State **NC** Zip Code **[REDACTED]**

Daytime Telephone Number **[REDACTED]**
E-mail Address **[REDACTED]**
Business Telephone Number **[REDACTED]**

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? **YES** ☒ **NO** ☐
In the absence of an authorized representative, please provide the name and address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner **[REDACTED]** Date **01/19/03**

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Make **SUZUKI** Model **GRAND VITARA** Model Year **2000**
Date Purchased **3-31-2000** Dealer's Name and Telephone Number **910 (864) 4419** Engine: **6** Fuel Type: **Gas.**
Original Owner ☒ Dealer's City **Fayetteville** State **NC** Zip Code **28304**
Transmission Type **Auto** ☒ Antilock Brakes ☒ Powertrain **4x4** Vehicle Component Code **161100 STRUCTURE: FRAME AND MEMBERS: UNDERBODY SHIELDS**
☒ Cruise Control Multiple Failure:

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) **12-26-2002** Failure Mileage **35600** Failure Speed **55 to 60** **Body Molding**

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make **[REDACTED]** Tire Model (Name or Number) **[REDACTED]** Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) **[REDACTED]**
DOT No. (Example: DOTM15ABC036) ☐ Original Equipment ☐ Prior Repair Failure Location: **[REDACTED]**
Tire Component Code **[REDACTED]** Tire Failure Type **[REDACTED]**

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make: **[REDACTED]** Date Manufactured: **[REDACTED]** Model No./Name: **[REDACTED]**
Seat Type: **[REDACTED]** Installation System: **[REDACTED]**
Child Seat Component Code: **[REDACTED]** Failed Part: **[REDACTED]**

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash ☐ Yes ☒ No Fire ☐ Yes ☒ No Number of Persons Injured **0** Number of Deaths **0** Reported to Police **N**

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).
Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure;
i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

WHILE DRIVING AT HIGHWAY SPEED, CONSUMER STATES HEARD A BIG POP. CONSUMER PULLED OVER TO FIND THAT THE ALUMINUM MOLDING HAD POPPED OFF THE SIDE OF VEHICLE LEAVING A NOTICEABLE DENTS IN THE VEHICLE. CAUSE IS UNKNOWN. PLEASE PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION. TS

side and molding is plastic not aluminum, and the molding came off in whole pieces. I have the molding in my car. That came off my car.

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your responses, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.