



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](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline)

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**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name: [Redacted]  
Address: [Redacted]  
City: CROOKSTON State: MN Zip Code: 55056

Daytime Telephone Number: [Redacted] E-mail Address: [Redacted]  
Evening 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 authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.  
Signature of Owner: [Redacted] Date: 1/29/03

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

Make: CHEVROLET Model: BLAZER Model Year: 1998  
Date Purchased: 7/1/01 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: Crookston Pontiac-Buick-GMC (Previously known as Nelson Motors)  
Engine: No. Cylinders: 6 Fuel Type: Unleaded  
Original Owner:  Dealer's City: Crookston State: MN Zip Code: 56716  
Transmission Type: Auto Antilock Brakes:  Cruise Control:  Powertrain: [Redacted]  
Vehicle Component Code: 152000 SEAT BELTS-REAR  
Multiple Failure: [Redacted]

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Incident Date(s): 02-JAN-2003 Failure Mileage: 77000 Failure Speed: [Redacted]

**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: DOTMALSABC036): [Redacted] 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: [Redacted] Number of Deaths: [Redacted] 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).

THE VEHICLES' BACK SEAT BELT IS INOPERATIVE. CONSUMER WAS UNABLE TO FASTEN BELT, AS A RESULT OF THE BUCKLE BEING INOPERATIVE. THE SEAT BELT LATCH PLATE WOULD NOT GO INTO THE BUCKLE. THE DEALERSHIP REPLACE THE PART. (PART UNKNOWN). PLEASE PROVIDE MORE DETAILS.

Where the retractable seat belt (in the rear on the driver's side) plugs into the other component... This component was locked closed (as if a seat belt was already plugged in). As a result we could not fasten the seat belt into this piece. The same dealership I purchased the SUV from, is the one who repaired it for me for \$99.00. The seat belt had been broken for quite some time, (two months). The part also had to be ordered.

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-502) This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and independent establishments. 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 a deliberative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.

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DOCUMENT HAVE BEEN REMOVED  
TO PROTECT UNWARRANTED  
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THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
ACT (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6).**