



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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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]

City BRIDGEPORT

State CT

Zip Code [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED]

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

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 _____ Date 1/1

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Make: SATURN
Model: SL1
Model Year: 1993

Date Purchased
1/27/03
Original Owner ☐

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number
Dealson Wheels Rob (203) 334-8119
Dealer's City
Bridgeport
State CT Zip Code 06606

Engine:
No: Cylinders 4

Fuel Type:
Gas

Transmission Type Automatic
☒ Antilock Brakes
☒ Cruise Control

Vehicle Component Code
060000 ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING
Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)
21-FEB-2003 (Called
19 Feb. Inv.)
Failure Mileage
Failure Speed

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make _____ Tire Model (Name or Number) _____ Tire Size (Example: P215/65R15)
DOT No. (Example: DOTM1SABC036) ☐ Original Equipment ☐ Prior Repair Failure Location:
Tire Component Code _____ Tire Failure Type _____

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make: _____ Date Manufactured: _____ Model No./Name: _____
Seat Type: _____ Installation System: _____
Child Seat Component Code: _____ Failed Part: _____

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the model(s), failure(s), location(s), and driver(s).)

Crash ☐ Yes ☒ No Fire ☒ Yes ☐ No Number of Persons Injured _____ Number of Deaths _____ Reported to Police _____
☐ Yes ☒ No ☒ Yes ☐ No

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 VEHICLE CAUGHT ON FIRE UNDER THE HOOD. I went shopping. I came home parked the car in front of my house. Brought groceries upstairs and about 20 min everyone that was shoveling there car out was yelling that my car was on fire under the hood. My husband + I ran down we tried to put it out before the fire Dept came. But it went up in flames. The fire Dept put it out. When I got the recall off the computer I thanked God I didn't park my car in my garage and nobody got hurt. This could have been avoided had this car been fixed.

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 response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

On March 4, 2003 I went to Saturn of Fairfield Conn to get an quote Phil the manager wanted me to tow it in. He saw some of my papers and he states that the car was fixed on campaign 93-C-05 8/14/95 10:47 50 200 7073. Before I walked in there nobody new anything about the recall. This morning 3/5/03 Mike Schmidt who is Saturn Products Investigator called. He claims there is nothing that they can do. After almost 3 weeks of talking to Diana her phone number at Saturn in Tenn. is 1-800-553-6000 press #3. I only had this car from Jan 29, 1903 to Feb 18, 1903. This is not right I don't know how all of a sudden after I went to Saturn everybody found all these this out. And if not how could a dealer get away with this. I am sorry for the inconvenience. Sincerely, Joanne Just

Make the one has to be updated on 3/7/03. The police put a sticker on it was not right or his any more after 3 weeks.

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INCIDENT REPORT

City of Bridgeport

** THIS REPORT IS INCOMPLETE **

NFIRS-1

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[] CHANGE

A	FDID 05020	INCIDENT NO 03-001746	EXP NO 00	MO 02	DAY 18	YR 03	DAY OF WEEK Tuesday	3	ALARM TIME 15:49:03	ARRIVAL TIME 15:54:11	IN SERVICE 16:08:01	
B	TYPE OF SITUATION FOUND Vehicle Fire						13	TYPE OF ACTION TAKEN Extinguishment		1	MUTUAL AID [] Recd [] Given	
C	FIXED PROPERTY USE Paved Public Street						962	IGNITION FACTOR Undetermined				00
D	CORRECT ADDRESS 58 JACKSON AV BRIDGEPORT, CT								CO.	TWN	ZIP CODE	CENSUS TRACT
E	OCCUPANT NAME								TELEPHONE		ROOM/APT NO	
F	OWNER NAME						ADDRESS 58 JACKSON AV Bridgeport, CT				TELEPHONE	
G	METHOD OF ALARM FROM PUBLIC Telephone Direct				1	TYPE OF ALARM			DISTRICT	SHIFT C	STATION E05	NO. ALARMS 1
H	911 USED		PERSONNEL RESPONDED 004		ENGINES RESPONDED 001		AERIAL APPARATUS 000		OTHER VEHICLES 000			

I	NUMBER OF INJURIES FIRE SERVICE 000		OTHER 000	NUMBER OF FATALITIES FIRE SERVICE 000		OTHER 000
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J	COMPLEX Road Complex		96	MOBILE PROPERTY TYPE Automobile		11		
K	AREA OF FIRE ORIGIN Engine Area, Running Gear		83	EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION No Equipment Involved			98	
L	FORM OF HEAT OF IGNITION Undetermined		00	TYPE OF MATERIAL IGNITED Polyvinyl		43	FORM OF MATERIAL IGNITED Electrical Wire	61
M	METHOD OF EXTINGUISHMENT Praconnect w/Tank Water		5	LEVEL OF FIRE ORIGIN Grade to +8'		1	ESTIMATED LOSS 2,000	ESTIMATED VALUE 2,000

N	NUMBER OF STORIES		CONSTRUCTION TYPE	
O	EXTENT OF FLAME DAMAGE		EXTENT OF SMOKE DAMAGE	
P	DETECTOR PERFORMANCE		SPRINKLER PERFORMANCE	
Q	IF SMOKE SPREAD BEYOND ROOM OF ORIGIN	TYPE OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE		AVENUE OF SMOKE TRAVEL
R		FORM OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE		

S	IF MOBILE PROPERTY	YEAR	MAKE Saturn	MODEL Sedan	SERIAL NO. 1G8ZH5599PZ15	LICENSE NO. 181-PRK
T	IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL NO.	

[X] CHECK IF COMMENTS

U	OFFICER IN CHARGE (NAME, POSITION, ASSIGNMENT) Fierlit, Andrew F/Firefighter	DATE 02/18/2003
	MEMBER MAKING REPORT (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) Fierlit, Andrew F/Firefighter	DATE 02/22/2003

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City of Bridgeport

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FDID	INCIDENT NO	EXP NO	MO	DAY	YR	DAY OF WEEK	ALARM TIME
05020	03-001746	00	02	18	03	Tuesday 3	15:49:03

NARRATIVE

Engine 5 dispatched to reported Car fire. Engine 5 arrived on scene and found a car with the engine compartment on fire. Engine 5 stretched 100' of 1 3/4" preconnect with fog nozzle. Engine 5 used 250 gallons of water to extinguish engine fire. Owner [REDACTED] showed bill of purchase indicating cost of vehicle to be \$2000.00. Fire was extinguished and Engine 5 returned to service. Stated to owner she could get copy of report no earlier than Monday for insurance.

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Make : SATURN

Model : SL1

Year : 1993

NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number :

93V132000

93V132000

Recall Date : AUG 06, 1993

Component: ELECTRICAL

SYSTEM:ALTERNATOR/GENERATOR/REGULATOR

Potential Number Of Units Affected : 352833

Summary:

THE GENERATOR ELECTRICAL WIRING IS NOT PROTECTED AGAINST EXCESSIVE CURRENT FLOW WHICH MAY BE CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL SHORT CIRCUIT IN THE GENERATOR.

Consequence:

SHOULD AN ELECTRICAL SHORT CIRCUIT OCCUR IN THEGENERATOR, THE GENERATOR WIRING HARNESS WOULD EXPERIENCE EXCESSIVE CURRENT FLOW.UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, ENOUGH HEAT COULD BE GENERATED TO IGNITE SURROUNDINGMATERIALS. IF THIS OCCURS, AN UNDERHOOD FIRE COULD RESULT WITH OR WITHOUT THEENGINE RUNNING AND WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING.

Remedy:

THE GENERATOR WIRING HARNESS WILL BE REPLACED WITH ONE THAT WILL OPEN AS A FUSE WOULD UNDER CERTAIN EXCESSIVE CURRENT FLOW CONDITIONS.

Notes:

SYSTEM: ELECTRICAL; GENERATOR; WIRE HARNESS.VEHICLE DESCRIPTION: PASSENGER VEHICLES.NOTE: IF YOUR VEHICLE IS PRESENTED TO AN AUTHORIZED DEALER ON AN AGREED SERVICE DATE AND THE REMEDY IS NOT PROVIDED WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME WITHOUT CHARGE OR THE REMEDY DOES NOT CORRECT THE SAFETY-RELATED DEFECT OR NONCOMPLIANCE, PLEASE CONTACT SATURN SERVICE CENTER

AT 1-800-552-0008. ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY
TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT
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Report Date: February 28, 2003 at 03:31
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MODEL :

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Make : SATURN Model : SL2 Year : 1993

NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number : 93V132000 Recall Date : AUG 06, 1993

Component: ELECTRICAL
SYSTEM:ALTERNATOR/GENERATOR/REGULATOR

Potential Number Of Units Affected : 352833

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Make : SATURN Model : SL2 Year : 1993

NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number : 93V094000 Recall Date : MAY 15, 1993

Component: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY:CABLES

Potential Number Of Units Affected : 14459

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