



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: CAVE CITY State: AR Zip Code: [Redacted]

Daytime Telephone Number: [Redacted] E-mail Address:  
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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 3/3/03

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

Make: CHEVROLET Model: MALIBU Model Year: 1999  
Date Purchased: 3/3/03 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: 870 283-5959  
Original Owner:  Dealer's City: Cave City State: AR Zip Code: 72522 Engine: 4 No. Cylinders: 4 Fuel Type: Unleaded Gas  
Transmission Type: Automatic Antilock Brakes:  Powertrain: Front wheel  
Cruise Control:  Vehicle Component Code: 191000 TIRES:TREAD/BELT  
Multiple Failure: 1

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

Incident Date(s): 12-MAR-2003 Failure Mileage: [Redacted] Failure Speed: 45 mph. Have no idea what failure mileage was. Bought the car. The tires were on it.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make: FIRESTONE Tire Model (Name or Number): FIRESTONE Affinity Touring Tire Size (Example P215/65R15): P205/65R15 7.92T Mtg  
DOT No. (Example: DOTM4L9ABC036): [Redacted] Original Equipment:  Prior Repair:  Failure Location: PASSENGER SIDE FRONT  
Tire Component Code: 191000 TIRES:TREAD/BELT Tire Failure Type: TREAD SEPARATION

**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 incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash:  Yes  No Fire:  Yes  No  
Number of Persons Injured: N Number of Deaths: N 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 RIGHT FRONT TIRE EXPERIENCED TREAD SEPARATION. \*J6

Tire split from rim to tread  
Took up hub cap also.

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 a civil or criminal 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)

Following afternoon Traffic out of Batesville, Ar. (about 3:15 pm) when suddenly the tire blew making a terrible noise. It was hard to handle. The car and get it off the road. The tire split from rim to tread as if it was cut even, causing the hub cap to be torn up. Speed limit is 45 mph. - The Traffic was afternoon getting off work. No-one was hurt and the car wasn't damaged.



ATTACH ADDITIONAL ENVELOPS IF NECESSARY

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