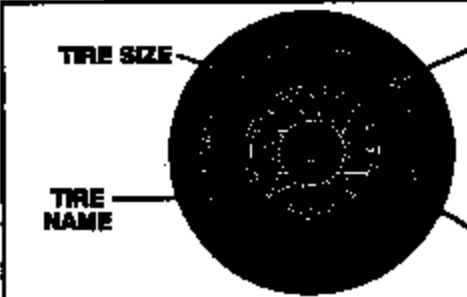


 DOT Auto Safety Hotline Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire TO REPORT VEHICLE SAFETY DEFECT 1-888-DASH-2-DOT 1-888-327-4236 INTERNET: http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov		FOR AGENCY USE ONLY Date Received <i>19 March 03</i> Od_o_r _____ r_d_t _____ od_r_t _____ up_tr _____ Reference No. <i>10012144</i>	
OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)			
Name _____		Apt. No. _____	
Street No. _____		Daytime Telephone Number _____	
City <i>Prospect</i>	State <i>KY</i>	Zip Code _____	
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 <i>12/19/02</i>	
VEHICLE INFORMATION			
Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) (17 Digits) <i>JH4KA4573LC014480</i>	Vehicle Make <i>Acura</i>	Vehicle Model <i>Legend</i>	Vehicle Year <i>1990</i>
Current Odometer Reading _____		Engine Size (CID/GCL) <i>6</i>	
Purchased Date <i>9/3/91</i>	Dealer's Name <i>GELCO CORPORATION</i>		☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☐ Fuel Injection
☐ New ☐ Used	Dealer's City <i>FARMINGDALE</i>	State <i>NY</i>	Zip Code <i>11735</i>
Transmission Type ☒ Manual ☐ Automatic	Antilock Brakes ☐ Yes ☐ No	Restraint System ☐ Driver's Airbag ☐ Motorist ☐ Passenger's Airbag ☐ 2-Point Belt ☐ 3-Point Belt	Cruise Control ☐ Yes ☐ No
Drivetrain ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Sport Ut. ☐ Van ☐ Truck ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other _____	Body Style ☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other _____	
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION			
Component <i>Tires</i>	Part Name(s) <i>(See below)</i>	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☒ Replacement
No. of Failures <i>2</i>	Date(s) of Failure(s) <i>12-5-02 / 2000</i>	Failed Part(s) Available? ☒ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Mileage at Failure(s) _____			
Vehicle Speed at Failure(s): <i>0 miles per hour</i>			
APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION			
(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies) on the back of this form)			
Crash ☐ Yes ☒ No	Fire ☐ Yes ☒ No	Number Persons Injured <i>0</i>	Number of Fatalities <i>0</i>
Estimated Property Damage <i>\$ 0</i>		Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No	
INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)			
To report defective or failed tires provide the following: DOT Number, Tire Manufacturer, Tire Name, Tire Size (include all numbers and letters). Note: This information not required for normal operation tires.			
DOT <i>M 6 U N F X H R 3 7</i> Manufacturer <i>Goodyear</i>		Tire Name <i>EA445 GT II</i>	
		Complete Tire Size <i>P 235 60 R15</i>	
			
U.S. DOT safety standard code The number may be on the inner side of the tire and have up to 11 letters and numbers. Usually located near rim flange on side opposite whitewall or on either side of blackwall tire.			
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 administration enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.			

Prospect, Kentucky
Telephone

February 28, 2003

U. S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
\DOT Auto Safety Hotline, NSA-10 1
400 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

To Whom It May Concern:

Here is the vehicle safety defect questionnaire. I've enclosed a narrative that outlines the details surrounding the failures of the two Goodyear tires.

I'm also sending some pictures of the tires in question.

I have the tires stored in my garage and will be pleased to send them to you if you'd like to examine them to determine the cause of the failures.

I am also sending a copy of all this to Goodyear, not that I expect them to do a damned thing about them.

The narrative and pictures will be going up on a web site whenever my son gets around to it.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you'd like the tires.

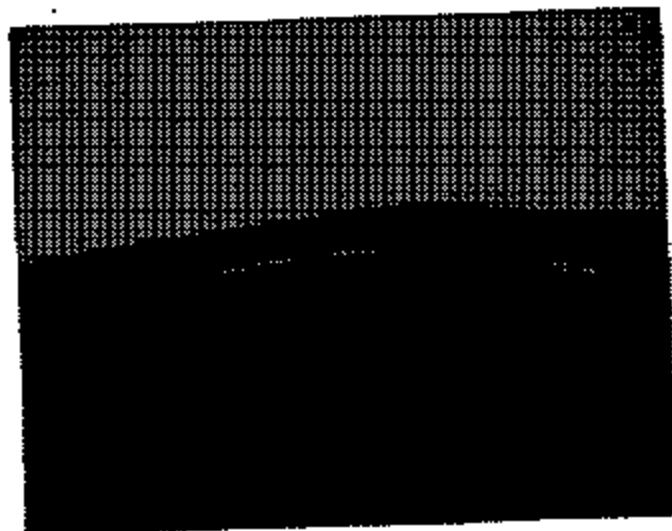
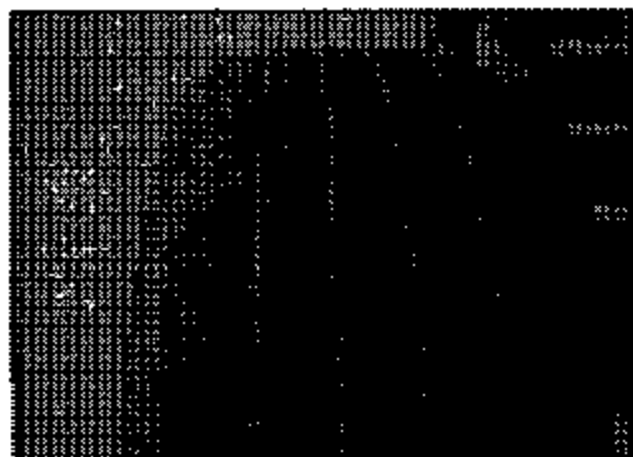
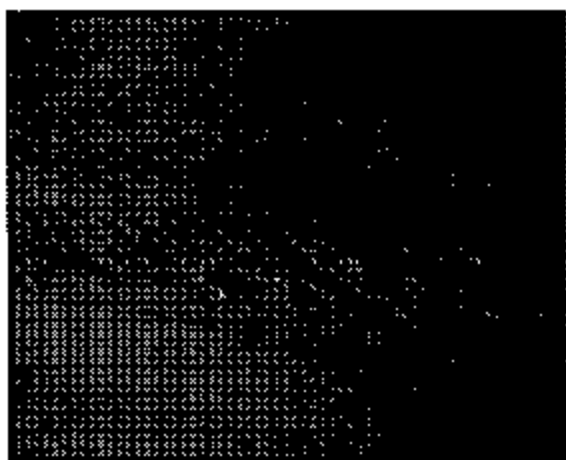
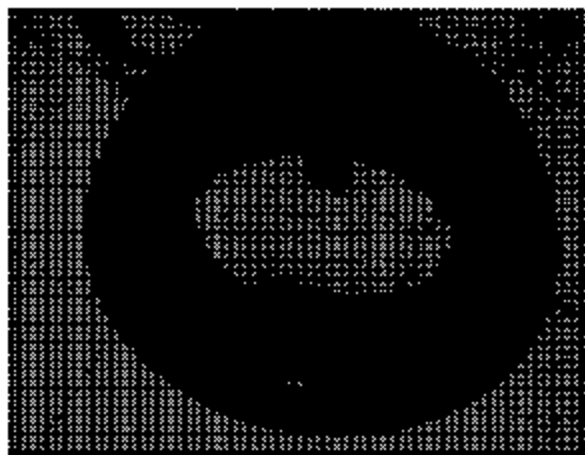
And I appreciate know what, if anything, you do about this.

Sincerely,

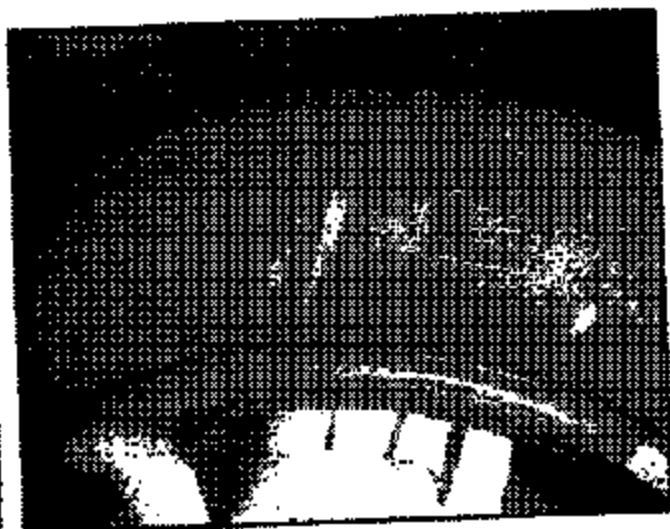
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TREAD SEPARATION



SIDELALL BLOWOUT



SIDELALL - NO SCUFFS

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My Goodyear Tires

Unsafe at Any Speed

If you are riding on a set of Goodyear tires you may be in great danger. I was. Let me tell you my story. Last December I had tread separation. My right front tire blew out. As I reported to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there were no fatalities. Because I'm the only driver, I view that as a good thing. My survival allows me to warn others of the hazards of riding on Goodyear tires.

The blow-out didn't occur while I was drag-racing. At the age of 73, I don't do that any more. It didn't happen while I was going 65 on the Interstate, or even cruising at 25 m.p.h. to the grocery store. It occurred while the car was parked in the garage. Apparently, carrying the weight of my little Acura Legend was just too much for it.

There weren't a lot of miles on the tire. It had considerable tread left. But its failure shouldn't have come as a complete surprise. A couple of times in the previous two months the car had developed a shimmy. The first time was after the tires had been rotated. I took it back to my Acura dealer who checked the alignment, balanced the tires, checked the tire pressure, etc. That didn't work. The car still shimmied like my sister Kate. He de-rotated the tires. That seemed to solve the problem. For a few weeks. When it occurred again, the dealer said he thought I might have tire separation, although nothing was visible. He recommended that I have my tire dealer check it over.

At the Sears Auto Center, the workmen could find nothing wrong. They checked the alignment, rotated the tires, balanced them, etc. That seemed to solve the problem. For a couple of weeks. Then it started to shimmy again.

Before I could take it back to Sears, the tire failed. Sears offered me a replacement allowance, but only for the one tire. I wasn't going to have another Goodyear tire on that car -- or anything else I ever own -- at any price.

You see, this wasn't the first failure of a Goodyear tire. A couple of years earlier the sidewall of one of my Goodyear tires ballooned out. I couldn't decide whether it was seriously pregnant or simply doing an imitation of a kangaroo with a family of five in its pouch. My son noticed the bulge when we approached the car to go to lunch. Judging the tire unsafe, I replaced it with another Goodyear tire of the same model. That time the Goodyear dealer didn't offer me any adjustment. He magnanimously offered to dispose of the tire for a fee, and he opined that I must have done something to cause the problem. What I might have done, he had no idea. I sure didn't either. Still don't. There's no bruise, scarring or scuffing on the sidewall.

So my experience has been a 40 percent failure rate in Goodyear tires. The failures manifested themselves when the car was going -- not at the speed or light, or the speed of sound, or at highway speeds, or even chugging down to the local Kroger, but -- at 0 m.p.h.

Scary, huh?

I kept the faulty Goodyear tires so that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration can check them. I suspect that I'm not the only one who's had a

problem with these tires. I want every Goodyear owner to know that he or she might have a problem.

I'd like to know if you've had a problem, too. If there are enough of us, we can undoubtedly find a lawyer who'd like to ply his trade. I survived the Goodyear failures, but there may be others who haven't. And the fact that I survived certainly isn't Goodyear's fault.

But I'm not going to give them another chance. I'm riding on Michelin.

If you're even thinking about buying Goodyear tires, you might want to ask yourself this: If they couldn't make good tires when they were doing well financially, can make good tires when they're cutting costs and flirting with bankruptcy?

There was one silver lining to the first failure. I sold my Goodyear stock, which has since plunged to its lowest level in recent history.

February 28, 2003