



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

Address

City CAVE CITY

State AR

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

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 6/1/03

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Make CHEVROLET

Model MALIBU

Model Year 1999

Date Purchased March-03

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Charles Landers Auto Sales - Cave City, AR

Engine: No. Cylinders 4

Fuel Type: Unleaded

Original Owner

Dealer's City

Cave City

State Ar.

Zip Code 72521

Transmission Type Auto Matic

Antilock Brakes
 Cruise Control

Powertrain

Vehicle Component Code 191000 TIRES:TREAD/BELT

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 30-MAY-2003

Failure Mileage

Failure Speed 40 mph

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make FIRESTONE

Tire Model (Name or Number) FIRESTONE

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) P205SR15

DOT No. (Example: DOTMALBABC036)

Original Equipment
 Prior Repair

Failure Location: Hwy 161 - N. out of Batesville, Ar.

Tire Component Code 191000 TIRES:TREAD/BELT

The 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 incident(s), failure(s), condition 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).

WHILE TRAVELING ON THE HIGHWAY WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING HEARD A POPPING NOISE RIGHT FRONT TIRE TREAD SEPARATED FROM THE WHEEL THE TIRE WAS A FIRESTONE P205SR15. PLEASE FILL IN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEALER IS AWARE OF THE PROBLEM. *AK

Tire split from rim to tread - as if the steel in tire was cut with a knife. Tore up hub cap.

I had to replace the tire and hub cap.

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 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.