



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

Address

City

BELMAWR

State NJ

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 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

Make  
CADILLAC

Model  
ELDORADO

Model Year  
1995

Date Purchased

07/15/2000

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

DESIMONE CADILLAC

Engine:

No. Cylinders

8

Fuel Type:

GAS

Original Owner

Dealer's City

VOORHEES,

State

NJ

Zip Code

Transmission Type

AUTO

☒ Antilock Brakes

☒ Cruise Control

Powertrain

V/8 AUTO

FT wheel. Dr.

Vehicle Component Code

114000 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: WIRING

Multiple Failure:

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

Incident Date(s)

03-JUL-2003

Failure Mileage

69,000

Failure Speed

0

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

Tire Make

GOODYEAR

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM15ABC036)

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

Crash

☐ Yes ☒ No

Fire

☒ Yes ☐ No

Number of Persons Injured

NONE

Number of Deaths

NONE

Reported to Police

Y

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. Is, parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

CONSUMER STATES VEHICLE CAUGHT ON FIRE WHILE PARKED WITHOUT WARNING. DEALER NOTIFIED. \*AK

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 Administration 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)

While starting my car in front of my house, the engine caught fire. Subsequent to the fire, I notice that the fuel line had 2 small holes, right next to the spark plug wire. It appeared to be a manufacturing defect? I put the fire out with a fire extinguisher and had the damage assessed at the dealership. Repairs were completed @ a cost of \$3000.00.

The holes in the fuel line (A rubber type line) allowed gas to spray over the entire front of the engine. Again the damage line appeared to be a mfg. defect.

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