



U.S. Department
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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

NEW YORK MILLS

State MN

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 authorized signature, provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date 8/14/03

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side
PLEASE FILL IN

1GKDT13WOP2539820

Name
GMC

Model
JIMMY

Model Year
1993

Date Purchased
9-16-1999

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number
Mills GM 1-888-829-3504

Engine
No. Cylinders

Fuel Type:
Gas

Original Owner
☐

Dealer's City
Baxter MN

State
MN

Zip Code
56425

4.3 Liter

Transmission Type

☒ Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

☒ Cruise Control

Vehicle Component Code

112000 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:ALTERNATOR/GENERATOR/REGULATOR

Multiple Failures: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)
19-JUL-2003

Failure Mileage
076097

Failure Speed
55

Alternator

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: 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, failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash

Fire

Number of Persons Injured

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

☐ Yes ☒ No

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Y 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).

CONSUMER STATES VEHICLE'S ALTERNATOR CAUGHT FIRE WITHOUT WARNING. DEALER NOTIFIED. PLEASE PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. *PH

About 4 miles from Wadena MN on Hwy 10 Battery light began flashing - all sounded well and vehicle running smoothly. Wanted to make it to first Service Station if possible before stopping. As soon as reached Heartland Tire + Service, stopped and opened hood. Flames were coming out of alternator. A Service man came with fire extinguisher and put out fire. A new alternator was installed.

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.

If I had been further from town and stopped my entire motor/car could have caught on fire if no one had come by with a fire extinguisher. The mechanics had not known an alternator catches on fire.

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

That's reason I'm reporting this as there had to be
some cause for alternator to catch on fire ~~catch~~
Thank you for your concern

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