



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: AMERICAN CANYON State: CA Zip Code: [Redacted]

Daytime Telephone Number: [Redacted]  
Evening Telephone Number: [Redacted]  
E-mail Address: [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 address to the vehicle manufacturer.  
Signature of Owner: [Redacted] Date: 8/11/03

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

27 digit Vehicle Identification Number (located at bottom of windshield on driver's side): 1G1YY22G1V5104422  
Make: CHEVROLET Model: CORVETTE Model Year: 1997  
Date Purchased: SEPT. 2001 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: REVOLVE PARTY.  
Original Owner:  Dealer's City: NA State: Zip Code: 8  
Transmission Type: AUTO Antilock Brakes:  Powertrain: 2WD  
Cruise Control:  Vehicle Component Code: 081100 FUEL SYSTEM, DIESEL-STORAGE-TANK ASSEMBLY  
Multiple Failure: 1

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

Incident Date(s): 23-JUL-2003 Failure Mileage: 41,106 Failure Speed: NA  
GASKET AT RIGHT FUEL TANK SENDING UNIT.

**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: DOTM19ABC036):  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), condition(s), and injury(ies).)

Crash:  Yes  No Fire:  Yes  No  
Number of Persons Injured: Number of Deaths: 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).

RIGHT FUEL TANK DESCENDING UNIT IS LEAKING. DEALER NOTIFIED. \*AK

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Receipt Invoices. 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 responses 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)

AFTER RETURNING HOME FROM A 1200 ROUND TRIP, THE NEXT DAY  
 SMELLING THE ODOUR OF GASOLINE IN MY GARAGE, I INVESTIGATED AND FOUND  
 THE SOURCE OF THE LEAK. IT WAS COMING FROM THE RIGHT FUEL TANK  
 AT THE SEALING UNIT. TOOK IT TO THE DEALER FOR REPAIRS. THEY REPLACED  
 SEALING UNIT AND GASKET (BECAUSE GASKET HAD TORN AND IT HAD TO BE  
 REPLACED WITH SEALING UNIT) COST OF REPAIR WAS \$674.11.  
 MY INVESTIGATION SHOWED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A RECALL FOR THIS PROBLEM  
 IN 1999 BY CHEVROLET FOR CORVETTES VIN #00- TO 3,792. RECALL #971805000  
 MY CORVETTE LEAKED GAS FROM A FAULTY SEALING UNIT GASKET  
 AT 41,106 MILES ON IT. THIS BRINGS UP THE CONCERN THAT THERE  
 IS A POTENTIAL SAFETY PROBLEM WITH GASKET FAILURE ON RIGHT OR  
 LEFT GAS TANKS AS RECOMMENDED BY CHEVROLET EARLY ON WITH THE C-5  
 MODELS.

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