



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
(1-888-327-4296)
INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

SACRAMENTO

State

CA

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

Email Address

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

17 digit vehicle identification number located at bottom of windshield on driver's side
1GNDK13E3GD171644

Make
CHEVROLET

Model
VENTURE

Model Year
2003

Date Purchased

10-14-03

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

CAPITAL CITY CHEV. (916) 422-2000

Engine:
No. Cylinders

Fuel Type:

Original Owner

Dealer's City

SACRAMENTO

State

CA

Zip Code

95823

Transmission Type

Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

Cruise Control

Vehicle Component Code

153000 SEAT BELTS: INTEGRATED CHILD SEAT

Multiple Failure: 4

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

10-16-03

Failure Mileage

56

Failure Speed

30MPH

10-17-03

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: CHEV

Date Manufactured:

Model No./Name:

Seat Type: INTEGRATED

Installation System:

Child Seat Component Code:

Failed Part: STRAP

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(es).)

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).

MECHANISM USED TO TIGHTEN AND LOOSEN THE INTEGRATED CHILD SEAT HARNESS STRAP WAS TOO ACCESSIBLE TO THE TODDLERS WHO WERE ABLE TO ACCESS THE DEVICE, AND TIGHTEN/LOOSEN THE STRAPS. IT NEARLY CAUSED SERIOUS INJURIES TO THE CHILDREN, BUT WAS NOTICED IN TIME TO PREVENT IT. *AK

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-502) 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.

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

We sat ⁵strapped my grand-sawyer in the integrated seat, while I was driving he screamed & I pulled into a driveway & stone and located the strap that started pulling to tighten the belt. I took her out and placed her in a regular car seat we had for another child (grandson) since she was older than my grandson, the next time out went out we put our grandson in the integrated seat thinking he would not pull the straps as much as he was 2nd old. He pulled on the strap to break the belt buckle, we were stuck in traffic and was at a stop. I began pulling to the right and placed him in a regular car seat on the side of road. The seat has a pull strap to tighten & the lower. The strap too small for children.

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