



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
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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name				Daytime Telephone Number	E-mail Address
Address					
City	FERNANDINA BEACH	State	FL	Zip Code	
				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 a signature, your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner *[Signature]* Date *11/03/03*

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: <i>1G6V53385L2126650</i>		Make CADILLAC	Model ALLANTE	Model Year 1990
Date Purchased <i>1/31/92</i>	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number <i>Steve Foley 564-4090</i>		Engine: No. Cylinders <i>8</i>	Fuel Type: <i>gas</i>
Original Owner ☒	Dealer's City <i>Northbrook</i>	State <i>IL</i>	Zip Code <i>60062</i>	
Transmission Type ☐ Automatic ☐ Manual	☒ Antilock Brakes ☐ Cruise Control	Powertrain Vehicle Component Code 034100 SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC: FOUNDATION COMPONENTS Multiple Failure: 1		

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 14-OCT-2003	Failure Message <i>36.758</i>	Failure Speed <i>45</i>	<i>Brake master cylinder & pump.</i>
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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: DOTM1.9ABC036)	☐ 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 0	Number of Deaths 0	Reported to Police N
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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 ATTEMPTING TO APPLY THE BRAKES THEY FAILED COMPLETELY, TOOK VEHICLE TO DEALER, AND MECHANIC STATED MASTER CYLINDER WAS LEAKING WHICH CAUSED TOTAL BRAKE FAILURE. *AK

Internally

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.

Now this is where the big problem started. The Bosch Anti-lock brake ABS control units started to break down. Cadillac had their share of replacing the defected units at their expense. If your Allanté was out of warranty the cost was 3,000 to 4,000 to have replace. This is where, in my opinion that Cadillac goofed, in the ALldata reports on September 1993, Bosch has ask Cadillac numerous times to send back the defected parts so they can properly evaluate the product performance and work toward correction of the products concerned. Cadillac did not comply with this order. This is why were having the brake problems that we are witnessing. And if this was not enough, ~~New~~ the Bose sound system in all 87 to 92 Allantés are starting to malfunction. Speakers are starting to act like a bowl of rice kipsies (Snap, crackle and pop) reason, there is an amplifier at each speaker and the capacitors go bad on the circuit board. Now it time to retool!

TA-TAD (drum roll)..... The New 1993 ALLANTE

Most say that this is the best and it was the last year for the Allanté. Cadillac almost got it right. They replace the 4.5 Liter engine with the Northstar engine. 300+hp. gave it a great ride control (rides like a Caddy) changed the braking system, and installed a new and improved Bose speaker system and did away with the flimsy door lock flappers, no caddy crest on the center brake light, put the mirror controls on the door handle. And still no one button soft-top. This was a killer for Cadillac. Now that the Mercedes SL's had the one button convertible now for 3 years, Cadillac was under pressure for not coming out with it. The 1993 Allanté had a sticker price of 80,000 they had a problem selling them. Some lucky customers got it for \$45,000. This was their biggest production year with 4,670 of them. Most dealerships could not sell them, so Cadillac asked to have them shipped back to Detroit. Where they were stored and wholesaled out, or just waited for orders.

After the release of the 1993 Allanté, sales were still not picking up. Cadillac knew they needed to installed the one button convertible. So plans were made to hold up production for the 1994 Allanté and redesigned the whole car for the 1995. Changes

*Cadillac made 17412
of these cars
Over 500 have had
brake failure through
2001.* Why haven't
these cars been
ordered recalled??*

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An Automotive Writers Perspective



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