



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: CHANTILLY State: VA Zip Code: [Redacted]  
E-mail Address: [Redacted]

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle?  YES  
In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA will not contact the manufacturer or address to the vehicle manufacturer.  NO  
Signature of Owner: [Redacted] Date: 2-19-04

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of dashboard on driver's side: 1GNEK13RAW [Redacted]  
Make: CHEVROLET Model: TAHOE Model Year: 1998  
Date Purchased: 4/18/2000 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: [Redacted]  
Engine: 5.7L No. Cylinders: 8 Fuel Type: GAS  
Original Owner:  Dealer's City: [Redacted] State: VA Zip Code: [Redacted]  
Transmission Type: Auto  
 Antilock Brakes:  Powertrain: [Redacted]  
 Cruise Control: 4AWD  
Vehicle Component Code: 043200 ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING; EXHAUST SYSTEM; MANIFOLD  
Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s): 11-JAN-2004 Failure Mileage: 82,207 Failure Speed: [Redacted]

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make: [Redacted] Tire Model (Name or Number): [Redacted] Tire Size (Example P215/65R15): [Redacted]  
DOT No. (Example: DOTM15ABC038): [Redacted]  Original Equipment,  Prior Repair Failure Location: [Redacted]  
Tire Component Code: [Redacted] Tire Failure Type: [Redacted]

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make: [Redacted] Date Manufactured: [Redacted] Model No./Name: [Redacted]  
Seat Type: [Redacted] Installation System: [Redacted]  
Child Seat Component Code: [Redacted] Failed Part: [Redacted]

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

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).

ENGINE LEAKED COOLANT FROM THE INTAKE MANIFOLD GASKET. AS A RESULT, ENGINE BLEW OUT, CAUSING THE VEHICLE TO MALFUNCTION.  
\*AK Driving when coolant came out on street and all over engine. Gasket set failed, GM gasket has now not a number now because gasket has been changed to correct defect of original. Filed GM claim #1-180-291866 on 1/21/04. Engine coolant leaked + mixed with oil. GM has recalled Intake for same problem and Buick, Common Victoris, Deccod, Cost 589.64 with GM parts. Had to replace the belt because coolant got on it causing slish and problems. Repair shop said they work 3 a week of Tahoe, suburban etc. (GM Recall # was 03034 not Tahoe though)

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.

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DOCUMENT HAVE BEEN REMOVED  
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ACT (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6).**