



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)

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

NILES

State

MI

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, please print your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date 3/9/04

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

1GADT19X0X8125378

Make

CHEVROLET

Model

S10

Model Year

1999

Date Purchased

1-11-99

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Tylers

(269)683-1710

Engine: Voltec 4.3

No. Cylinders V6

Fuel Type:

gasoline

Original Owner

Dealer's City

Niles

State

MI

Zip Code

49120

Transmission Type

4sp Auto w/ep

Antilock Brakes

Cruise Control

Powertrain 4wd
Rear axle 3.42 ratio
Locking differential - rear axle

Vehicle Component Code

162510 STRUCTURE:BODY:TAILGATE:HINGE AND ATTACHMENTS

Multiple Failures: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

Dec 03

Failure Mileage

± 60,000

Failure Speed

0

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), 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).

UPON OPENING TAILGATE AND WITHOUT ANY INDICATION TAIL CABLES BROKE, CAUSING TAILGATE TO DROP. *AK

Cables supporting tailgate are plastic coated. Upon opening, one of the cables broke, exposing fact that steel had rusted inside plastic. I have broken cable. The second cable has not broken, yet... No injury occurred. The broken cable has not been repaired.

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.