



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](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline)

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**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City: LECANTO State: FL Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number: [REDACTED] 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 authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.  
Signature of Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 3/1

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number (located at bottom of windshield on driver's side): **1G1NE52M0X6150638**  
Make: CHEVROLET Model: MALIBU Model Year: 1999  
Date Purchased: **10/1998** Dealer's Name and Telephone Number:  
Original Owner:  Dealer's City: State: Zip Code: Engine No: Cylinders: **6** Fuel Type: **GAS**  
Transmission Type: **Auto**  Antilock Brakes  Cruise Control Powertrain: **3.1 V6**  
Vehicle Component Code: 123000 EXTERIOR LIGHTING:TAIL LIGHTS  
Multiple Failure: 1

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

Incident Date(s): 01-MAR-2004 Failure Mileage: **30,000** Failure Speed: **N/A**  
Tail Light Assy Leaks water shorts out  
Brake & Tail Lamps Assy is NOT cracked

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE (as inspected)**

Tire Make: Tire Model (Name or Number): Tire Size (Example P215/66R15):  
DOT No. (Example: DOTM15ABC038)  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).

WATER WAS LEAKING INSIDE OF THE TAIL LIGHTS, CAUSING THE BULB TO SHORT OUT. DEALER WAS NOTIFIED, AND INFORMED THE CONSUMER THAT IT WAS NOT COVERED UNDER A RECALL. \*AK

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

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) 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.

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

Tail lamp assy breaks and the light sockets rust out and short so that the tail and Brake Lamps are not lit. the assy is NOT cracked in appearance to the naked eye.

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