



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

Address

City

MONTOURSVILLE

State

PA

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to send information to the manufacturer of your vehicle?

In the absence of an authorized signature or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date 5/20/2004

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

2G4WF561XY1326309

Make

BUICK

Model

REGAL

Model Year

2000

Date Purchased

29 MAR-00

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

FOWLER Motors

570-326-3721

Engine:

No. Cylinders

6

Fuel Type:

Prom Gas

Original Owner

☒

Dealer's City

WILLIAMSPORT

State

PA

Zip Code

17201

Transmission Type

Auto

☒ Antilock Brakes

☒ Cruise Control

Powertrain

Vehicle Component Code

017500 STEERING:LINKAGES:TIE ROD ASSEMBLY

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

28-APR-2004

Failure Mileage

18524

Failure Speed

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/55R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM18ABC036)

☐ 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(es).)

Crash

☐ Yes ☒ No

Fire

☐ Yes ☒ No

Number of Persons Injured

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

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

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).

VEHICLE WAS TAKEN TO DEALER FOR A ROUTINE INSPECTION, AND MECHANIC DETERMINED THAT TIE RODS WORE OUT, AND VEHICLE WILL NOT PASS THE INSPECTION. *AK

at 18,524 miles
I was told parts were made of plastic and failed early.
Now I'm afraid other may go out and affect steering
and possibly cause accident maybe even fatal. How
many others have had steering failures? Any deaths?

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

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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