



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: CANYON COUNTRY State: CA Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

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: 1/1

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side 1GCHK29195 [REDACTED]	Make CHEVROLET	Model PICKUP	Model Year 2003
Date Purchased 15 May 03	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number CASCAR 541-883-7701	Engine: No: Cylinders 8	Fuel Type: Diesel
Original Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dealer's City	State	Zip Code
Transmission Type Auto	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control	Powertrain	Vehicle Component Code 190000 TIRES
Multiple Failure: 1 2 FAILURES			

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

Incident Date(s) OCT 03 MAY 04	Failure Mileage 12000 26000	Failure Speed 60 MPH	Failure Description BLOW OUT SIDEWALL
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**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make BRIDGESTONE	Tire Model (Name or Number) V STEEL R18 265	Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) LT 245/75R16
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036) SEE BELOW	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Prior Repair	Failure location: SIDEWALL
Tire Component Code 2	The Failure Type: SIDEWALL BLOW OUT	

**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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured 0	Number of Deaths 0	Reported to Police N NO
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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).

FIRESTONE BRIDGESTONE V-STEEL LT245/75R16, DOT# 7X1165V1803. OWNER WAS DRIVING ON THE FREEWAY ABOUT 55 TO 60 MPH WHEN THE TIRE BLEW OUT THE SIDEWALL. THE TIRE PRESSURE WAS CHECKED PRIOR TO TAKING THE TRIP. PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS.  
"03 WE HAVE HAD 2 BLOW OUTS - 1ST ONE TIRE WAS COMPLETELY GONE. ABOVE DOT # IS TIRE 2ND BLOW OUT SIDEWALL. THE 1ST ONE BLEW OUT AT ABOUT 12,000 MI

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Pub. 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.