



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 HOUSTON

State TX

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 authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner _____ Date 8/2/2004

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

1G3HNS2K0W4

Make

OLDSMOBILE

Model

88

Model Year

1998

Date Purchased

6-30-98

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

De Montfrank 713-872-7200

Engine: 3800 Series

No: Cylinders 6

Fuel Type:

Gas

Original Owner

Dealer's City

Houston

State

TX

Zip Code

77090

Transmission Type

AUTOMATIC

Antilock Brakes

Cruise Control

Powertrain

FRONT WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code

063200 ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING; EXHAUST SYSTEM; MANIFOLD

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)
17-MAR-2003

Failure Mileage
58416

Failure Speed

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

Number of Deaths

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).

THE MANIFOLD ON THE CONSUMERS VEHICLE WAS REPLACED AT HIS EXPENSE ONE YEAR AGO AND NOW THERE IS A RECALL ON THE FUEL PRESSURE REGULATOR, WHICH THE CONSUMER BELIEVED SOMEHOW AFFECTED THE MANIFOLD. GM STATED THE DEFECT DID NOT AFFECT HIS VEHICLE. *JB This manifold failure could have caused car to stall. Had this to happen in heavy traffic or where there was no-pullover lane this could have caused a serious traffic hazard. Oldsmobile does not want to acknowledge that this is a common problem in these vehicles.

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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Dear Oldsmobile Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Reason For This Recall: General Motors has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 1998 model year Oldsmobile Eighty-Eight vehicles equipped with a 3.8L V6 engine. These vehicles have a much higher than usual rate of fuel pressure regulator diaphragm leaks. A leak can allow fuel to enter the intake manifold through a vacuum line. In low battery conditions, if the engine does not start when cranked, the fuel from the leaking regulator and a mistimed spark can cause a backfire. The backfire can rupture the intake manifold, causing a loud bang. The rupture of the intake manifold can displace a fuel line, pulling an injector out of place, and causing a fuel leak. If there is an ignition source, a fire can result.

Slow engine cranking and difficulty starting the engine could indicate a low battery. Poor driveability or a check engine light could indicate a fuel pressure regulator leak. If you experience these conditions, have your dealer check and repair your vehicle.

If your vehicle does not start and you hear a loud bang, there could be a fuel leak. Do not try to start it again. Contact your dealer for assistance.

What Will Be Done: Your Oldsmobile dealer will inspect the engine fuel rail and, if necessary, replace the fuel pressure regulator. This service will be performed for you at no charge.

How Long Will The Repair Take? This inspection and service correction will take approximately 30 minutes. However, due to service scheduling requirements, your dealer may need your vehicle for a longer period of time.

Contacting Your Dealer: To limit any possible inconvenience, we recommend that you contact your Oldsmobile dealer as soon as possible to schedule an appointment for this repair. By scheduling an appointment, your dealer can ensure that the necessary parts will be available on your scheduled appointment date. Should your Oldsmobile dealer be unable to schedule a service date within a reasonable time, you should contact the Oldsmobile Customer Assistance Center between the hours of 8:00 AM and 11:00 PM, EST, Monday through Friday. They can be reached at 1.800.630.6537. The deaf, hearing impaired, or speech impaired should call Text Telephone (TTY), 1.800.633.6537.

If, after contacting the Oldsmobile Customer Assistance Center, you are still not satisfied that we have done our best to remedy this condition without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 or call 1.888.327.4238.

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