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National Highway
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DOT Auto Safety Hotline
Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire
To Report Vehicle Safety Defects
1-888-DASH-2-DOT
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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

SAINT PETERSBURG

State

FL

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?
In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date 8/10/04

VEHICLE INFORMATION

11 digit Vehicle Identification Number located at bottom of windshield on driver's side

1G1YY2187H5

Make

CHEVROLET

Model

CORVETTE

Model Year

2003

Date Purchased

2003

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

North Chevrolet 727 327 5000

Engine: 350 h98

No. Cylinders

8

Fuel Type:

Gas

Original Owner

Dealer's City

St. Petersburg

State

FL

Zip Code

Transmission Type

AUTOMATIC

☒ Antilock Brakes

☒ Cruise Control

Powertrain

h98

Vehicle Component Code

151300 SEAT BELTS:FRONT:RETRACTOR

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

10-JUL-2004

Failure Mileage

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: DOTM15ABC036)

☐ 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), condition(s), 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).

CONSUMER NOTICED THAT THE DRIVER'S SIDE SEAT BELT DID NOT RETRACT. THE RETRACTOR WAS JAMMED. CONSUMER WILL CONTACT THE DEALERSHIP. *AK

See Attached

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.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
St. Petersburg, FL

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Phone

U.S. Dept Of Transportation
Office of Defects Investigation, NVS-218
400 7th St, SW
Washington, DC 20590

02/01/05

RE: Jamming seat belt retractor
NHTSA 91V143000,
Attachment to VOQ,

Dear Sir's

I have a 1987 Chevrolet Corvette with a jamming drivers side seat belt retractor, I had contacted Chevrolet at 800-222-1020, on or about July 22, 2004 they opened a case file [REDACTED] Chevrolet said there were no outstanding recalls connected to my seat belt problem. I then gave them the NHTSA number for the recall 91V143000 for the jamming seat belt, they said they had no information about it, I was also told the vehicle was to old and had to many miles on it for assistance. I then asked, so what does that have to do with a SAFETY RECALL item? they restated they could not help me.

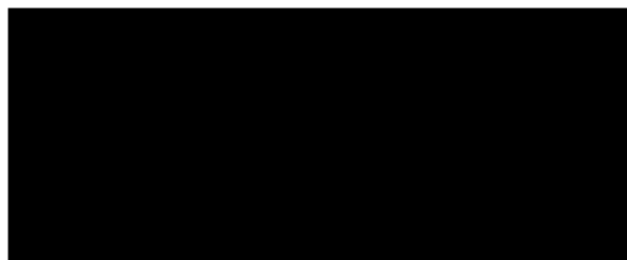
A few day's later, I call back again and asked If there had ever been any seat belt recall connected with this year of Corvette, the operator said there computer system would only go back "X" number of years, but she would do a research on the matter and get back with me which she did. She found their document number ID 432525 which seems related to NHTSA number 91V143000 referring to jamming seat belts. Also a ID number was assigned to the seat belt retractors, Left was ID20 and the right one is ID40. I was asked If the dealer had inspected the jamming seat belt yet, I said no but I would within the next few days.

This defect was verified on or about August 15, 2004 by "JP", William Palicka, Service Manager of Maher Chevrolet Inc with a address of 2901 34th St N. St. Petersburg FL 33713, (727) 323-5000. At that time the drivers seat belt could not be pulled out to fasten without jamming in the retractor. While at the dealership they checked for any outstanding recalls, there were none. They then forwarded their findings to Chevrolet about the seat belt.

A first Chevrolet was going to replace the jamming belt. the dealer had ordered the replacement, when the belt got to the dealer in September they had to get some type of authorization to get paid by Chevrolet . Chevrolet said they now were not going to replace it. I queried this for a number months as to why? through the dealership until December, when JP from Maher called me and said Chevrolet, said they were not going to replace or repair any seats belts on this car, because there are no out-standing campaigns with this car.

I can only guess at the ill reasoning behind such a statement, maybe there wasn't a high enough "Body Bag Count" with their seat belt problem, to just do the right thing and replace the belts. And apparently Chevrolet, feels it can also tell the NHTSA where it can go to, by refusing to do a mandated recall campaign. Obviously my next car or van won't be a GM product. I would also like to say, I have no beef with the servicing dealership Masher Chevrolet, I feel they did what they could.

Concerned Consumer,



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Make : CHEVROLET

Model : CORVETTE

Year : 1987

Build Dates : 19830201 - 19910501

NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number : 91V143000

Date Owner's Notified:
19911029Date Received by ODI:
19910904Date Added to Database:
19910930

Manufacturer's Involved: GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

Manufacturer's Responsible for the Recall: GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

Manufacturer Campaign Number:

Component: SEAT BELTS:FRONT:ANCHORAGE

Potential Number Of Units Affected : 231833

Summary:

UNDER CERTAIN VEHICLE OPERATIONS AND OCCUPANT USAGE CONDITIONS, THE SAFETY BELTS CAN LOCKUP OR JAM IN THE SAFETY BELT RETRACTOR.

Consequences:

IF LOCKUP OCCURS, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PULL BELT OUT OF THE RETRACTOR. THE OCCUPANT OF A SEAT WITH AN UNUSABLE SAFETY BELT IS SUBJECT TO INCREASED RISK OF INJURY OR DEATH IN THE EVENT OF A SUDDEN STOP OR ACCIDENT.

Remedy:

REPLACE THE SAFETY BELTS IF THE LOCKUP OCCURS.

Report Initiator: ODI

Vehicles Report

Regulation Part Number: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number:

Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATIONS AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236).

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