



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

GARDEN CITY

State

NY

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 authorized NHTSA agent, NOT include your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date 11/18/04

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

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

1G4HP54K224

Make

BUICK

Model

LESABRE

Model Year

2002

Date Purchased

1/1/2002

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Karp Buick Volvo 516-764-0200

Engine

No. Cylinders

6

Fuel Type

Gas

Original Owner

☒

Dealer's City

Rockville Centre

State

NY

Zip Code

11530

Transmission Type

AUTOMATIC

☒ Antilock Brakes

☒ Cruise Control

Powertrain

4-WHEEL-DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code

221300 SEATS:FRONT ASSEMBLY:HEAD RESTRAINTS

Multiple Failure: Since May 2002, Continuous

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

Incident Date(s)

11/18/2004

Failure Mileage

10,000

Failure Speed

35

Head Restraint Falls down on owner resulting in being too low injuries to cervical spine after MVA

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/63R15)

DOT No. (Example DOTM19A8C036)

☐ 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 event, location, conditions, and injuries.)

Crash

Fire

Number of Persons Injured

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

☒ Yes

☐ 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;

ie, parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

THE FRONT HEAD RESTS FAILED TO LOCK IN PLACE. \* THE CONSUMER HAD AN ACCIDENT WHILE DRIVING APPROX. 35 MPH, THE HEAD REST HAD FALLEN DOWN THE CONSUMER WAS INJURED. \*JB

Hyper extension injury to cervical spine.  
Poor design: Head rests does not lock in place or stay up or go up higher enough.

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.