



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
(1-888-327-4238)
INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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09-MAR-2005

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

ORLANDO

State

FL

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle?
In the absence of an authorized signature, NHTSA will NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

☒ YES

☒ NO

Signature of Owner

Date 3/29/05

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

1GZWP52K7W

Make
PONTIAC

Model

GRAND PRIX

Model Year

1998

Date Purchased

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

McNamara Pontiac

407-849-0610

Engine:

No. Cylinders 6

Fuel Type:

Unleaded

Original Owner

Dealer's City

Orlando Florida

State

FL

Zip Code

32804

Transmission Type

☒ Automatic

☒ Manual

Powertrain

FRONT WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code

221700 SEATS:FRONT ASSEMBLY:SEAT RECLINER/COOLER

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

10-FEB-2005

Failure Mileage

106000

Failure Speed

25

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), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash

☐ Yes ☒ No

Fire

☒ Yes ☐ No

Number of Persons Injured

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

Y

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).

WHILE DRIVING AT 25 MPH AND UPON TURNING INTO A RESIDENTIAL STREET SMOKE STARTING COMING FROM UNDERNEATH THE DRIVER'S SEAT. UPON EXITING THE VEHICLE DRIVER'S SEAT WAS ENGULFED IN FLAMES. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS CONTACTED AND EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE. THERE WAS A LARGE BURNT HOLE, THE SIZE OF A BASKET BALL IN THE CENTER OF SEAT. THE FIRE REACHED THE REAR DRIVER'S SIDE SEAT. A GM INVESTIGATOR, AFTER INSPECTION, INDICATED THAT AN UMBRELLA CAUSED THE FIRE. THE UMBRELLA WAS ON THE FLOOR IN THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE, BUT HAD NO BURNT, MELTED OR SCOURED MARKS ON IT. *AK

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.

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

The umbrella was stuck to the floor with brown residue on it. I surmise that ~~the~~ it was carpet fur and foam foundation. The top side of the umbrella was undamaged. The fire was contained to the driver's side, the floor, driver's seat, the headliner above the driver's seat, the sun visor, and the garage door opener. The remainder of the car sustained smoke and water damage.

The Product Manager Cheryl Danzey from General Motor determined the umbrella started the fire (1-800-231-1891 x51275). Terry Dunham did the actual investigation (407-399-1242). His investigative report was used solely to make the determination of the cause by the General Motors Corporation. I have the umbrella should you need it to further your investigation. My case was file under E- [REDACTED]

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400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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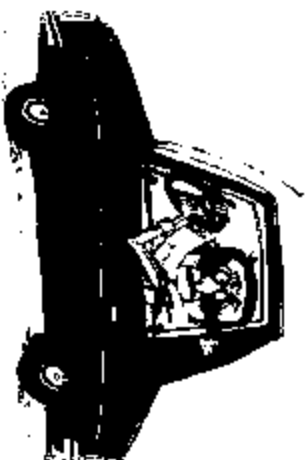
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Incident Report

City of Orlando Fire Department



Basic

Alarm Date and Time 19:58:13 Thursday, February 10, 2005
 Arrival Time 20:05:11
 Controlled Date and Time
 Last Unit Cleared Date and Time 20:25:14 Thursday, February 10, 2005
 Response Time 0:06:58
 Priority Response Yes
 Completed Yes
 Reviewed Yes
 Fire Department Station 07
 Shift C
 Incident Type 131 - Passenger vehicle fire
 Initial Dispatch Code 131
 Aid Given or Received N - None
 Alarms 1
 Action Taken 1 111 - Extinguish with Water
 Apparatus - Suppression 3
 Personnel - Suppression Personnel 8
 Property Loss \$4,175.00
 Contents Loss \$0.00
 Property Value \$4,175.00
 Contents Value \$0.00
 Mixed Use NN - Not mixed use
 Property Use 962 - Residential street, road or residential driveway
 Location Type Intersection
 Address On S OHIO AVE at ORANGE CENTER BV
 City, State Zip ORLANDO, FL 32805
 District 02
 Census Tract 117.02
 Directions S OHIO AV&ORANGE CENTER BV
 Latitude 524374.00
 Longitude 1526347.00

Person Involved/Property Owner - Hogan, Faye

Owner Yes
 Last Name
 First Name
 Street Address
 City, State Zip Orlando, FL

Fire

Area of Origin 811 - Operator/passenger area
 Heat Source 10 - Heat from powered equipment, other
 Item First Ignited 21 - Upholstered sofa, chair, vehicle seats
 Confined To Origin 1
 Type of Material 70 - Fabric, textile, fur, other
 Cause of Ignition 3 - Failure of equipment or heat source
 Contribution To Ignition 1 20 - Mechanical failure, malfunction, other
 Human Factors None

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**Fire**

Suppression Factor 1	NNN - None
Mobile Equipment Involved	3 - Involved in ignition and burned
Mobile Equipment Type	11 - Passenger car.
Mobile Equipment Make	PN - Pontiac
Mobile Equipment Model	Grand Prix
Mobile Equipment Year	1998
Mobile Equipment VIN	1GZWP52K7W
Mobile Equipment License	J29 YCG
Mobile Equipment State	FL

Apparatus - OCE50

Apparatus ID	OCE50
Apparatus Dispatch Date and Time	19:59:32 Thursday, February 10, 2005
Apparatus Clear Date and Time	20:02:55 Thursday, February 10, 2005
Apparatus priority response	Yes
Apparatus Use	1
Apparatus Action Taken 1	93 - Cancelled en route
Apparatus Type	11 - Engine

Apparatus - E007

Apparatus ID	E007
Apparatus Dispatch Date and Time	20:02:00 Thursday, February 10, 2005
Apparatus Clear Date and Time	20:04:15 Thursday, February 10, 2005
Apparatus priority response	Yes
Number of People	4
Apparatus Use	1
Apparatus Action Taken 1	93 - Cancelled en route
Apparatus Type	11 - Engine
Personnel 1	0008911 - CORBO, HECTOR Position: ENGEMT
Personnel 2	0010163 - LAMM, RICHARD A Position: LTPM
Personnel 3	0013967 - ANDERSON, TRACEY L Position: FFEMT
Personnel 4	0014490 - McGUIRE, TIMOTHY J Position: FFEMT

Apparatus - E001

Apparatus ID	E001
Response Time	0:04:28
Apparatus Dispatch Date and Time	19:59:32 Thursday, February 10, 2005
En route to scene date and time	20:00:43 Thursday, February 10, 2005
Apparatus Arrival Date and Time	20:05:11 Thursday, February 10, 2005
Apparatus Clear Date and Time	20:25:14 Thursday, February 10, 2005
Apparatus priority response	Yes
Apparatus Personnel Amount 1	\$500.00
Number of People	4
Apparatus Use	1

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Apparatus - E001	
Apparatus Action Taken 1	111 - Extinguish with Water
Apparatus Type	11 - Engine
Personnel 1	0008189 - BAILEY, JEFFREY D Position: LTPM
Personnel 2	0008916 - GUILLETTE, DONALD F Position: ENGPM
Personnel 3	0013117 - CLUTTER, BRANDON T Position: FFEMT
Personnel 4	0013836 - BRANHAM, DUSTIN T Position: FFEMT
Authority	
Reported By	0008189 - BAILEY, JEFFREY D 21:24:21 Thursday, February 10, 2005
Officer In Charge	0008189 - BAILEY, JEFFREY D 21:24:21 Thursday, February 10, 2005
Reviewer	0008189 - BAILEY, JEFFREY D 14:57:39 Monday, March 21, 2005
Narratives	
Narrative Name	CAD Narrative
Narrative Type	CAD Narrative
Author	-
Narrative Text	CAD Event #: FFD050210005718 Type: VEHICLE FIRE B1 Dispo: C Operator: FAYSON, JENNIFER Priority: 1 Comments:***RMA. CAR FIRE WHI GRAND PRIX INSIDE FIRE PU
Narrative Name	E1
Narrative Type	Incident
Narrative Date	21:16:34 Thursday, February 10, 2005
Author	0008189 - BAILEY, JEFFREY D
Author Rank	LTPM
Author Assignment	1
Narrative Text	Vehicle owner stated the vehicle started smoking inside while she was driving, she stopped the car, got out, and closed the doors. We arrived to find the drivers seat to be on fire, extinguished with water. The windows were in the closed position. Found the electric seat motor/wiring to be the cause of the ignition. The battery was disconnected by E-1. Assisted owner with tow truck contact and removing her belongings. The fire damage was confined to the drivers seat but there was heavy smoke damage to windows, headliner, overhead console, and visors. The windows were blackened but did not appear to be broken. All interior suffered smoke stains and heavy smoke odor.
End of Report	

