



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: BELVERNON State: PA Zip Code: [Redacted]

Daytime Telephone Number: [Redacted]  
Evening 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: 6/1/05

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number (located at bottom of windshield on drivers side): 1GNCT18W8W4 [Redacted]  
Make: CHEVROLET Model: BLAZER Model Year: 1998  
Date Purchased: 29-DEC-98 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Engine: No. Cylinders: 6 Fuel Type: Gas  
Original Owner:  Dealer's City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Transmission Type: AUTOMATIC  Antilock Brakes Powertrain: 4 WHEEL DRIVE  
 Cruise Control Vehicle Component Code: 136200 VISIBILITY: WINDSHIELD WIPER/WASHER: MOTOR  
Multiple Failure: *MANY TIMES*

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s): 01 JAN 2005 Failure Mileage: *MANY TIMES* Failure Speed: *Replaced wiper motor and circuit board.*

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: DOTM4LSABC036): \_\_\_\_\_  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).)

Casualties:  Yes  No  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).

DT: CONTACT STATES THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH THE WINDSHIELD WIPERS ON 1998 CHEVROLET BLAZER. THE WIPERS WILL NOT COME ON AT ALL OR THEY WILL STOP ABRUPTLY. THERE IS A RECALL ON THE 1997 CHEVROLET BLAZER, BUT NOT THE 1998 CHEVROLET BLAZER. THE MANUFACTURER STATED IF THERE WERE ENOUGH COMPLAINTS IN THE FUTURE A RECALL WILL BE ISSUED. \*AK

*Failure occurred many times. In May 2005 stopped during heavy rain. I could not see road and had to look out side window to pull off road. please note clipping from P.Ttsburgh Post-Gazette 4/6/05. This is very dangerous. I replaced my wiper motor and circuit board with NAPA parts, and 1996.*

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.

*NOT GM.*

**Q** ■ I own two 1998 Chevy trucks, an S-10 pickup and a Chevy Blazer. Each has a problem with windshield wiper failure. Sometimes, they will quit operating and other times they will not come on at all. GM issued a recall for this problem in 1998, but it covered only through 1997. Am I left out in the rain on this?  
Richard Goodenough,  
Beaufort, S.C.

**A** ■ You might be out of luck on this one because the Blazer and S-10 were built after the '97 model year. But David Champton isn't so sure that I'm right on this one.  
"If your reader can find a dealer and take the recall notice and tell the dealer that his trucks are doing exactly the same thing, and indicated that this is a safety issue, he might get some recourse," Champton said.