



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)
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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
City NORTH SMITHFIELD State RI Zip Code [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number
999-999-9999
E-mail Address [REDACTED]
Evening Telephone Number [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 [REDACTED] Date 9/19/05

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side
1GNDT13WXW2 [REDACTED] Make CHEVROLET Model BLAZER Model Year 1998

Date Purchased 01-JAN-98 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number PAUL MASSE CHEVROLET 401-434-1900 Engine: No: Cylinders 6 Fuel Type: GAS
Original Owner Dealer's City EAST PROVIDENCE State RI Zip Code 02914

Transmission Type AUTOMATIC Antilock Brakes Cruise Control Powertrain 4 WHEEL DRIVE
Vehicle Component Code 030000 SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC
Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 14-SEP-2005 Failure Mileage 70 000 Failure Speed 20
BRAKE LINES CORRODED THRU THROUGHOUT COMPLETE BRAKE SYSTEM

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make [REDACTED] Tire Model (Name or Number) [REDACTED] Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) [REDACTED]
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036) Original Equipment Prior Repair Failure Location: [REDACTED]
Tire Component Code [REDACTED] Tire Failure Type [REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make: [REDACTED] Date Manufactured: [REDACTED] Model No./Name: [REDACTED]
Seat Type: [REDACTED] Installation System: [REDACTED]
Child Seat Component Code: [REDACTED] Failed Part: [REDACTED]

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash Yes No Yes No
Fire Yes No
Number of Persons Injured [REDACTED] Number of Deaths [REDACTED] 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: THE CONSUMER PURCHASED A CHEVROLET BLAZER NEW ON 01/28/98 FROM MASSE CHEVROLET OF EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND. THE CONSUMER ALWAYS MAINTAINED THIS VEHICLE AT THE PROPER SERVICE INTERVALS. HAS ALL THE RECORDS. ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2005 THE BRAKES FAILED. IT HAPPENED WHEN I TURNING INTO DRIVEWAY AND GOING BACK DOWN THE DRIVEWAY TOWARD THE ROAD. WAS ABLE TO STOP THE VEHICLE BY RUNNING INTO THE TREES ALONGSIDE DRIVEWAY. THE VEHICLE WAS THEN TOWED TO A GARAGE, WHERE I THE CONSUMER WAS TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED SO SUDDENLY. WHEN THE CONSUMER WAS COMING HOME WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF HE WAS DRIVING AT 65 MPH ON ROUTE 95 AND THE TRAFFIC SLOWED IN FRONT. DOUBTED IF HE WOULD BE ALIVE TODAY. THE BRAKES HAVE BEEN REPAIRED BEFORE. ALL GM TRUCKS FROM 1999 UP HAVE BEEN RECALLED BECAUSE OF BRAKE PROBLEM. THE CONSUMER DID NOT THINK THERE WAS ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A 1999 MODEL AND A 1998 MODEL. IT WAS DEFINITELY A LIFE THREATENING SITUATION, WHICH WAS WHY HE WAS TRYING TO CONTACT THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL. *AK
REPLACED ALL THE HYDRAULIC LINES. I SHOULD HAVE ASKED FOR THEM, BUT I DIDN'T

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 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.

VEHICLE OWNER'S QUESTIONNAIRE



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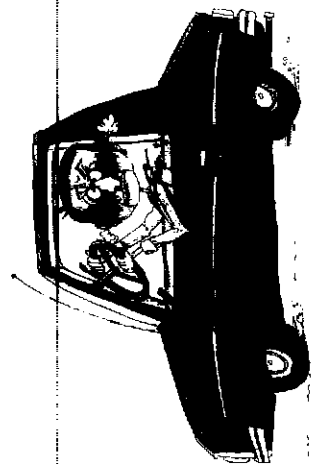
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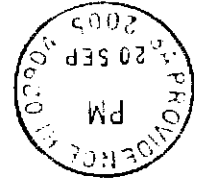
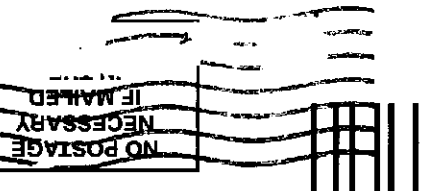
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JUST FINISHED ROUNDING BENDS IN THE AREA, SLOWED TO 20 MPH TO TURN IN THE DRIVEWAY, DRIVEWAY IS UPHILL, AS I TURN AND APPLIED THE BRAKES, NO BRAKES AT ALL. DRIVEWAY IS STEEP SO IT STOPPED. I BACKED AROUND IN THE TURN AROUND, PUT THE VEHICLE IN DRIVE AND IT STARTED FORWARD DOWN THE HILL TOWARD THE BUSY HIGHWAY (RT 66A) I HAD NOTHING ELSE TO DO BUT HIT THE TREES ALONG THE DRIVEWAY, ENDED UP WITH SOME SCRAPES ON THE FRONT OF THE VEHICLE. I HAD IT TOWED TO MY SERVICE STATION ON THE ROAD WHERE THEY REPLACED THE HYDRAULIC LINES, THEY SAID IT WAS LUCKY IT HAPPENED WHERE IT DID AS I WOULD PROBABLY WOULD HAVE HAD A BAD ACCIDENT. THEY HAD NEVER SEEN HYDRAULIC LINES SO CORRODED AS THEY WERE, WHAT IS GM MAKING THEM OUT OF? I HAVE A 1982 AMC EAGLE IN THE GARAGE HERE, LOOKED AT THE LINES, JUST LIKE GRAND NEWS

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