



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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Daytime Telephone Number: [Redacted]  
Evening Telephone Number: [Redacted]  
E-mail Address: [Redacted]

Name: [Redacted]  
Address: [Redacted]  
City: RENTON State: WA Zip Code: [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: 1/1

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

|   |   |                             |  |
|---|---|-----------------------------|--|
| 17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side<br>1GNDT13V[Redacted] | Make<br>CHEVROLET   | Model<br>BLAZER             | Model Year<br>1997   |
| Date Purchased<br>30-DEC-03   | Engine:<br>No. Cylinders 6  | Fuel Type:<br>Gas           |  |
| Original Owner <input type="checkbox"/>   | Dealer's City<br>Seattle  | State<br>WA                 | Zip Code   |
| Transmission Type<br>AUTOMATIC  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antilock Brakes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control | Powertrain<br>4 WHEEL DRIVE | Vehicle Component Code<br>05C000 ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING<br>Multiple Failures: 1 |

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

|                                 |                          |                     |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Incident Date(s)<br>26-SEP-2005 | Failure Mileage<br>80334 | Failure Speed<br>60 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|

**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) | <input type="checkbox"/> Original Equipment<br><input type="checkbox"/> 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<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Fire<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Number of Persons Injured<br>1 | Number of Deaths | Reported to Police<br>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 (e.g., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available)).

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*Handwritten:* Purchased Dec '03 from [Redacted] - Seattle WA  
Contact: Andy Pomeroy - AAA of Washington - District Mgr & ASE Certified  
" -> Jeff Montgomery at Matthews Automotive - Renton WA  
CD enclosed with digital images - other info in text documents

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.