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	Daytime Telephone Number	E-mail Address
[redacted]	[redacted]	
Address [redacted]	Evening Telephone Number	
City HOLLYWOOD / State CA / 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 a[redacted] or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner [redacted] Date 12/22/05

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side	Make	Model	Model Year
W06VR5[redacted]	CADILLAC	CATERA	1997

Date Purchased	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number			Engine:	Fuel Type:
01-JAN-99	CASA AUTOMOTIVE GROUP 818-981-2000			No. Cylinders 6	Gas
Original Owner ☐	Dealer's City SHERMAN OAKS	State CA	Zip Code 91423-4912		

Transmission Type			Vehicle Component Code
AUTOMATIC	☒ Antilock Brakes ☒ Cruise Control	Powertrain UNKNOWN	162700 STRUCTURE;BODY;TRUNK LID Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)	Failure Mileage	Failure Speed	
05-DEC-2005	45000		

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: DOTMALSABC036)	☐ 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	Fire	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Deaths	Reported to Police
☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	1	0	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 CONTACT STATED AFTER OPENING THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE THE TRUNK FELL ON HIM. THE SUPPORTS TO KEEPING THE TRUNK IN THE OPEN POSITION FAILED. THE CONTACT SUSTAINED MINOR INJURIES. THE DEALERSHIP SAID THE FAILURE WAS WITH THE LIFT SUPPORTS. THERE WERE NO PREVIOUS PROBLEMS WITH THE TRUNK OR SIGNS OF RUST. THE VEHICLE WILL BE TAKEN TO A BODY SHOP FOR REPAIRS. *AK

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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

MY INTENT WITH THIS REPORT WAS TO PROTECT OTHER PEOPLE. MY INJURIES WERE MINOR BUT A SMALLER PERSON, A FEMALE OR A CHILD WOULD HAVE SUFFERED DAMAGE TO ARMS BACK OR HEAD RESULTING EVEN IN DEATH. THE WEIGHT OF THE TRUNK LID ON MY CATERA IS EXTREMELY HEAVY AND WHEN THE LIFT SUPPORTS FAIL AND THE TRUNK HINGES DO NOT SUPPORT THAT WEIGHT IT SUDDENLY COMES CRASHING DOWN AND OFTEN ON SOMEONES BODY PARTS. ARMS COULD BE BROKEN, FINGERS OR HANDS SEVERELY CRUSHED. IN MY ESTIMATION IT IS A PROBLEM THAT SHOULD CERTAINLY BE INVESTIGATED BY A NATIONAL SAFETY ORGANIZATION, AND DEEMED AS A SAFETY DEFECT REQUIRING RECALL BY THE MANUFACTURER.

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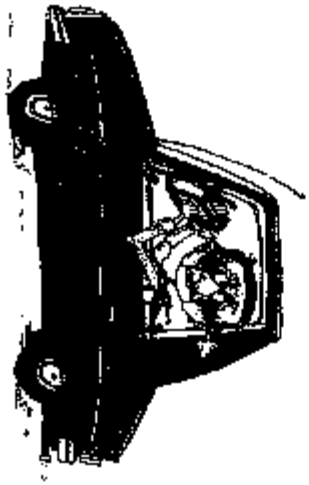

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