



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

Address

City LINCOLN PARK

State MI

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to contact the manufacturer of your vehicle?

In the absence of an authorized signature, please print name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date 4/14/06

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

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

2G4WB52K0T5

Make

BUICK

Model

REGAL

Model Year

1996

Date Purchased  
04-MAR-06

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number  
WORLD WIDE AUTO SALES 313-368-4650

Engine:  
No. Cylinders 6

Fuel Type:  
Gas

Original Owner  
☐

Dealer's City  
DETROIT

State  
MI

Zip Code  
48203

Transmission Type  
AUTOMATIC

☒ Antilock Brakes  
☒ Cruise Control

Powertrain  
FRONT WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code  
073000 FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:FUEL INJECTION SYSTEM

Multiple Failure: 1

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

Incident Date(s)  
09-APR-2006

Failure Mileage  
113000

Failure Speed  
0

UPPER INTAKE PLenum EXPLODED AND CAUGHT FIRE  
ENGINE COVER SHATTERED, PLUG WIRES MELTED  
INJECTOR DESTROYED, PRESSURE REGULATOR DESTROYED

**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: DOTM19ABC036)

☐ 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).)

Crash

☐ Yes ☒ No

Fire

☒ Yes ☐ No

Number of Persons Injured

0

Number of Deaths

0

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).

DOT: THE CONTACT STATED WHILE STARTING THE VEHICLE THE INTAKE MANIFOLD EXPLODED. THERE IS A NHTSA RECALL, # 96V116000, REGARDING THE FUEL INJECTION SYSTEM. THE VEHICLE HAS THE SAME PROBLEMS AS INDICATED IN THE RECALL; HOWEVER IT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE RECALL DUE TO THE VIN.

ALSO CAUGHT ON FIRE AND PUT OUT BY ME WITH GARDEN HOSE.

YOU HAVE MY FULL PERMISSION TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS REPORT TO GENERAL MOTORS. THEY WERE NO HELP AT ALL OVER THE PHONE!!!

MORE OVER →

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 responses 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)**

UPON STARTING CAR THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION UNDER THE HOOD THAT  
SOUNDED LIKE A STICK OF DYNAMITE. I OPENED THE HOOD TO DISCOVER THE ENGINE  
ON FIRE AND SHATTERED PIECES OF PLASTIC ALL OVER THE PLACE. I PUT FIRE  
OUT WITH A GARDEN HOSE, PULLED OFF WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE ENGINE COVER TO SEE  
THAT THE UPPER INTAKE WAS ALL IN PIECES. THANK GOD I WASNT UNDER THE HOOD  
OR I WOULD BE DEAD RIGHT NOW. BECAUSE OF THE PRODUCTION DATE OF MY CAR, 10/96  
MY CAR IS NOT COVERED UNDER THE RECALL AND I AM LEFT WITH A VERY EXPENSIVE  
REPAIR BILL AND THE FEAR THAT THIS COULD HAPPEN AGAIN. I AM DISGUSTED THAT  
GM WOULD PUT A PLASTIC UPPER INTAKE ON THAT COULD KILL SOMEBODY IF IT EVER  
BACKFIRED. I WILL ~~NEVER~~ <sup>ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY</sup> BUY ANOTHER GM PRODUCT EVER ~~AGAIN~~ <sup>AGAIN</sup>  
AND WILL TELL MY STORY TO WHOEVER WILL LISTEN. MY NEXT CAR WILL BE A TOYOTA

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**Think your vehicle  
has a safety defect?**



**If so:**

**Use the enclosed  
form to file a report.**

**or visit:**

**www.safercar.gov**

**or call:**

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