



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 AURORA State IL Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number
Evening Telephone Number
E-mail Address

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? YES NO
Signature of Owner Date 7/23/06

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side 1G1ZT54804F
Make CHEVROLET Model MALIBU Model Year 2004
Date Purchased 01 APR 06 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number RIVER FRONT Engine: No: Cylinders 6 Fuel Type: Gas
Original Owner Dealer's City NORTH AURORA State IL Zip Code
Transmission Type AUTOMATIC Antilock Brakes Powertrain FRONT WHEEL DRIVE Vehicle Component Code 072200 FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE: DELIVERY: HOSES, LINES/PIPING,
Cruise Control Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 26-JUN-2006 Failure Mileage 62000 Failure Speed

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: DOTM9ABC036) Original Equipment 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 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 WHILE DRIVING THERE WAS A DETECTION OF GASOLINE ODOR COMING FROM THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE. THE VEHICLE WAS TAKEN TO AN INDEPENDENT REPAIR SHOP FOR INSPECTION. DURING THE INSPECTION THE GAS TANK WAS REMOVED AND THE GAS LINE THAT IS ON THE TOP SIDE OF THE TANK HAD RUPTURED CAUSING GASOLINE TO SPEW THE UNDER SIDE OF THE VEHICLE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS BEEN ALERTED.

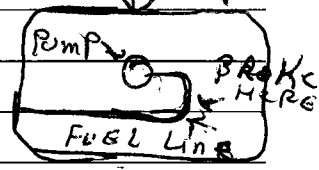
Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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.

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

GAS
TANK

While driving noticed strong gas smell. Stopped car no evidence of leakage. On driving again strong gas odor. Pulled in closest garage and left for repair. They found no visible damage to gas line so took off tank and found break on top of tank between body tank (note diagram) mechanic feels this is a design flaw - nothing to protect gas line from movement and vibration. Bought the car used in 3/18/06 - repaired 6/29/06 at cost of 536.49.



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400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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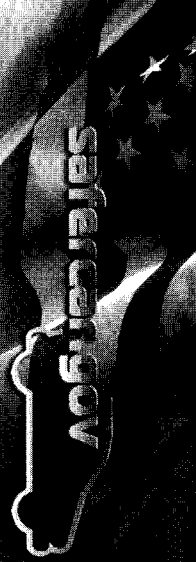
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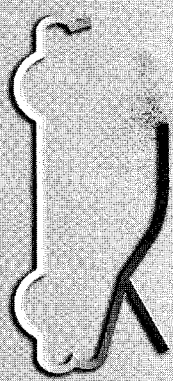
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Think your vehicle has a safety defect?



**If so:
Use the enclosed form to file a report.**

**or visit:
www.safercar.gov**

**or call:
Vehicle Safety Hotline
888-327-4236**



Vehicle Owners' Questionnaire (VOC)
U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

July 23, 2006

Dear General Motors,

My husband and I are an 68 year old retired couple who three months ago purchased a 2004 Chevy Malibu LS V6 used from a Chrysler dealer in our town. More than half of the cars we have owned have been Chevys and we have been very satisfied until now.

I was going down the road with my grandkids in the back seat when I began to notice a very strong odor of gasoline. I stopped along the road and tried to see if I could see gas leaking along the gas line. Being some distance from home, I continued only to become nauseated by the gas smell. After driving several more miles I began to notice my gas gauge lowering so pulled into a local garage. They put the car up on the rack and could smell gas but could not find a leak. I left the car there, and asked the mechanic to delve into the problem further. Not finding any leaks, they lowered the gas tank and found a break in the line and when the car was running the pump would squirt raw gas all over the tank .

The mechanic said he believes it was a designers flaw as there were no supports or cushioning between the body and the gas tank. The gas line comes off the pump and makes a U turn and then runs across the tank and the line broke in the middle of that U.

Being on a very limited budget and making car payments for six years this repair was a great inconvenience to us. I had my son go online to see if there had been a recall on this problem and he said NO but there were recalls on the drivers seat and the ABS brakes. Being a second owner I'am now scared to death perhaps these problems were not corrected by the previous owner. How do I find out if they were fixed? The repairs on the gas leaking cost us \$536.49.

We have made a report to the NHTSA and are also notifying you and praying if this is a designers error we could be reimbursed. I had been so proud of my beautiful car, but now feel very insecure driving it as I have no idea if the recalls have been corrected.

I would whole heartedly appreciate any attention you could give to our problems.

We purchased our Chevy 2004 SD/MALI 6 cylinder sedan from RIVERFRONT CHRYSLER in the auto mall at 200 Hansen Blvd. North Aurora, Illinois 60542 on 3/18/06 The repairs were made on 04/29/06 by JOSE's Auto and Truck Repair, Inc. at 111 W. Benton St., Aurora, Il.60505.

Our Malibu's VIN # 1G1ZT54804F [REDACTED]
OWNERS [REDACTED]

Aurora, Il.
Tel: [REDACTED]

Respectfully, [REDACTED]

THE ATTACHMENTS TO THIS DOCUMENT HAVE BEEN REMOVED TO PROTECT UNWARRANTED INVASION OF PERSONAL PRIVACY PURSUANT TO EXEMPTION 6 OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6).