



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

MELBOURNE

State FL

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

Email Address

Evening Telephone Number

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

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

1G6KD54Y5YL

Make

CADILLAC

Model

CADILLAC

Model Year

2000

Date Purchased
01-JUN-00

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine:

No: Cylinders 8

Fuel Type:

Gas

Original Owner

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type

☒ Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

FRONT WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code

191000 TIRES:TREAD/BELT

Multiple Failure: 4

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)
17-AUG-2006

Failure Mileage
-68000-

Failure Speed
230-347

2 TIRES SEPARATION - BELT
2 TIRES SPLIT SEPARATION

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

UNKNOWN

Tire Model (Name or Number)

UNKNOWN

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

225

DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)

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☐ Original Equipment
☐ Prior Repair

Failure Location: PASSENGER SIDE REAR

Tire Component Code

191000 TIRES:TREAD/BELT

Tire Failure Type TREAD SEPARATION

-SPLIT

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Fire

☐ Yes ☒ No

Number of Persons Injured

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

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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 THE VEHICLE'S TIRES SPLIT ON FOUR SEPARATE OCCASIONS. ON ALL FOUR OCCASIONS, THE TIRE THAT SPLIT WAS THE SAME SIZE AND MADE BY THE SAME MANUFACTURER. THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR TIRE SPLITS SINCE 33000 AND 68000 MILES AND THE CONTACT EXPRESSED THAT THEY WERE DEFECTIVE. THE TIRE WAS COOPER LIFELINER TOURING SLE (H-RATED), SIZE: 225/60R16.*AK

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.

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THE SAD TALE OF 4 COOPER LIFELINE SLE TIRES

1. Purchased 4 225-60-16 Cooper Lifeliner SLE tires, from Ray's Tires, Merritt Island, Fl., for \$360.40 (\$82 base) on 3/12/2003. Auto mileage 33,995 miles. Tire mileage 0.00.
2. Replaced 2 front tires with Cooper CLLSLEB tires after broken belts discovered by Triangle Tire Alignment on 8/2/2005 for \$150.52 (\$70 base). Auto mileage 57,800. Tire mileage 23,805
3. Had 2 rear (old) tires checked at Ray's Tires on 8/12/2006 stating that I was taking a 2000 mile round trip to Sky Valley, GA. Result: found no problem with tires. All tires were pressurized to 40psi even though Cadillac Deville manufacturer recommends 30 psi. I questioned this and they say they go by maximum pressure rating on tires. I have seen this before at this store.
4. On 8/17/2006, three miles into South Carolina on I-95 at the entrance to a bridge the rear tire split destroying the well lining, tearing apart 2 wiring harnesses (including the fuel pump wiring), damaging bumper. Auto mileage 68,666 miles. Tire mileage 34,671 miles.
5. I asked Parks Cadillac dealer to inspect other rear tire. They found a bubble. It is my opinion that all four tires should have been replaced when the first 2 tires were found defective. I brought the split tire back home and is available for inspection. I have serious doubts about the tires installed in item 2.

The following charges were incurred:

1. \$ 54.00 Towing to Parks Cadillac dealer in Bluffton , SC
2. 375.00 Repair of harnesses
3. 246.48 2 new Sigma tires (no adjustments made)
4. 499.73 wheel well replacement and bumper repair estimate
5. 83.62 hotel bill (lost one day of Time Share vacation)

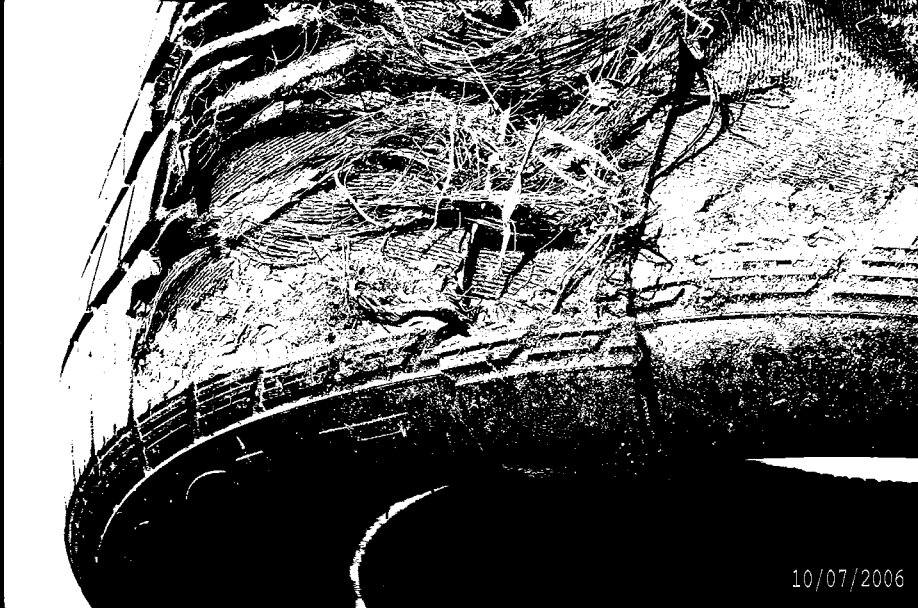
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Melbourne, Fl. ██████████

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CC: Cooper Corporate and Tire Headquarters
P.O. Box 550
Findlay, OH 45850

DOT: E-Mail Complaint



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