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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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Date Received	Repository ☐
2007 JAN 29 AM 9:40 08-JAN-2007	Reference No. 10178143

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name	[redacted]	Daytime Telephone Number	E-mail Address
Address	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
City SOUTH AMBOY	State NJ	Zip Code [redacted]	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 [redacted] Date 1/11/07

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side	Make	Model	Model Year
2GTFK29K6S1[redacted]	GMC	K2500	1995

Date Purchased	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number			Engine:	Fuel Type:
20-NOV-94	FLEMINGTON GMC			No: Cylinders 8	Gas
Original Owner ☒	Dealer's City FLEMINGTON	State NJ	Zip Code		

Transmission Type		Powertrain	Vehicle Component Code
AUTOMATIC	☒ Antilock Brakes ☒ Cruise Control	4 WHEEL DRIVE	072200 FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:DELIVERY:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, , Multiple Failure: 0

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)	Failure Mileage	Failure Speed
18-DEC-2006	58700	25

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: DOTMAL9ABC036)	☐ 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	0	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).

TL* - THE CONTACT OWNS A GMC K2500 TRUCK. WHILE DRIVING AT 25 MPH THE FUEL LINE BROKE AND THE BRAKES WOULDN'T ENGAGE. THE CONTACT PURCHASED AN AFTER MARKET FUEL LINE. THE MANUFACTURER OF THE REPLACEMENT PART WAS INLINETUBE.COM. ON THE ORIGINAL GM FUEL LINE,S WHERE THE O-RING WAS LOCATED, THE LINES WERE NOT ALTERED TO FIT. THE LINES THAT THE CONTACT RECEIVED FROM INLINETUBE.COM DID NOT HAVE ROOM FOR THE O-RING, WHEN THE FUEL LINE WAS INSTALLED THE O-RING WAS REMOVED. THE CONTACT BELIEVESDTHE FUEL LINE WAS IMPROPERLY MADE AND WILL LEAK FUEL. THE CONTACT WILL NOT INSTALL THE FAULTY FUEL LINE ON THE VEHICLE DUE TO THE RISK INVOLVED. THE COMPANY STATED THAT THE FUEL LINE HAS ALWAYS BEEN MADE IN THAT FASHION. *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 MAIN COMPLAINT IS WITH THE AFTERMARKET PARTS MANUFACTURER THAT MADE MY FUEL LINES. I FEEL THE END OF THE TUBE ARE IMPROPERLY CRIMPED, WHICH WILL DAMAGE THE O-RING SEAL, THAT WILL CAUSE GASOLINE TO LEAK AND CAUSE A FIRE

PLEASE SEE THE ENCLOSED STATEMENT AND PHOTOS.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

DOT
NATIONAL HIGHWAY
TRAFFIC SAFETY ADM
400 7TH ST SW
WASHINGTON DC 20590

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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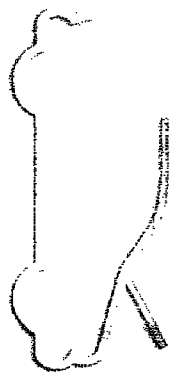
POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF DEFECTS INVESTIGATION, NVS-210
400 7TH ST SW
WASHINGTON DC 20077-8214

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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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[redacted]
South Amboy, NJ [redacted]

Hello,
On December 16 2006, the rear brake line on my truck ruptured due to severe rusting. With only the front brakes working, it was very difficult to the truck stopped at 25 MPH. Seeing the condition of the brake and fuel lines, I decided to replace all the fuel and brake lines. I purchased a replacement set of lines make by Inline tube.com on 12/18/06. They are located at 15066 Technology Dr. Shelby Twp. Michigan.

The replacement brake lines were installed with no problems. Upon trying to install the fuel lines, I found the o-rings on the end of the tubes are getting cut. The crimp on the original GM lines are stepped down at the ends to allow room for the o-ring to be compressed and mate against the female fitting. The line that was made by Inlinetube.com is not stepped down and has the same outside diameter all the way to the end of the line. This is forcing the o-ring to roll to the outside of the flange and causing it to get cut.

I made many calls to Steve at Inlinetube.com and sent pictures showing the difference between their lines and the lines that were make by the factory. They acknowledge there is a difference because that style of crimp is hard to make. Their only suggestion to prevent the o-ring from being cut, was to have me hand tighten the fittings and then apply thread lock to the fittings to keep them from coming loose.

As a professional mechanic for more than twenty years and a volunteer fireman, I was appalled with their solution for this problem. I feel the lines are a fire hazard because they are improperly made. I will not install or use these lines on my vehicle. There is six o-ring connections for these replacement lines, every connection I assembled will cut the o-ring.

Inlinetube.com will not work with me. They said this is how they always made the lines. They said no one else had a problem with them. After searching the web, I found there are other people who are having the same problem as me. One person had to use diving tank o-rings that are thin enough to work. I tried different size o-rings which did not work. It would still worry me if I did find a way to get the connection to seal properly, that someone else who might service the vehicle, would not realize the special attention the lines would need.

At this time the vehicle is still out of service while I consider getting lines from a different company or getting lines from a salvage yard.

Thank You.
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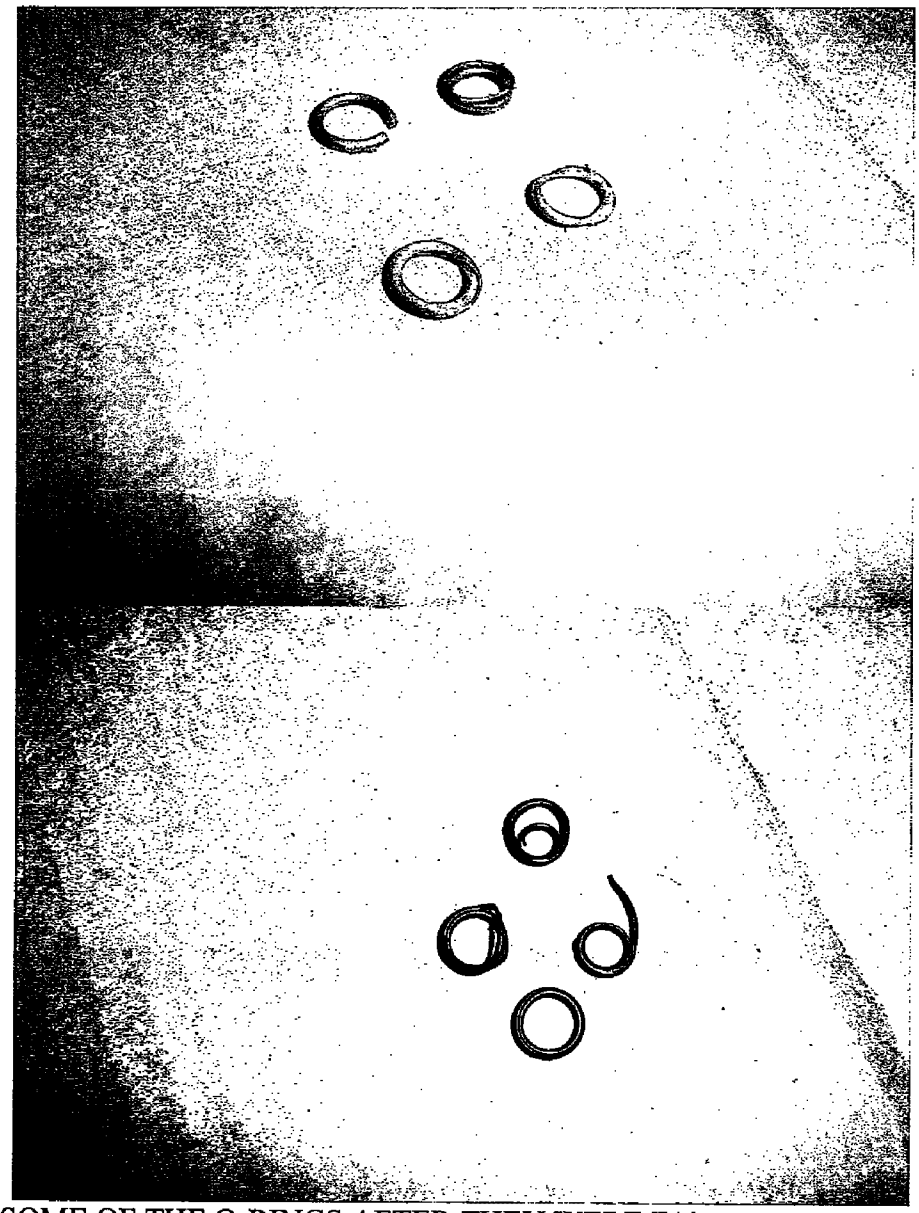
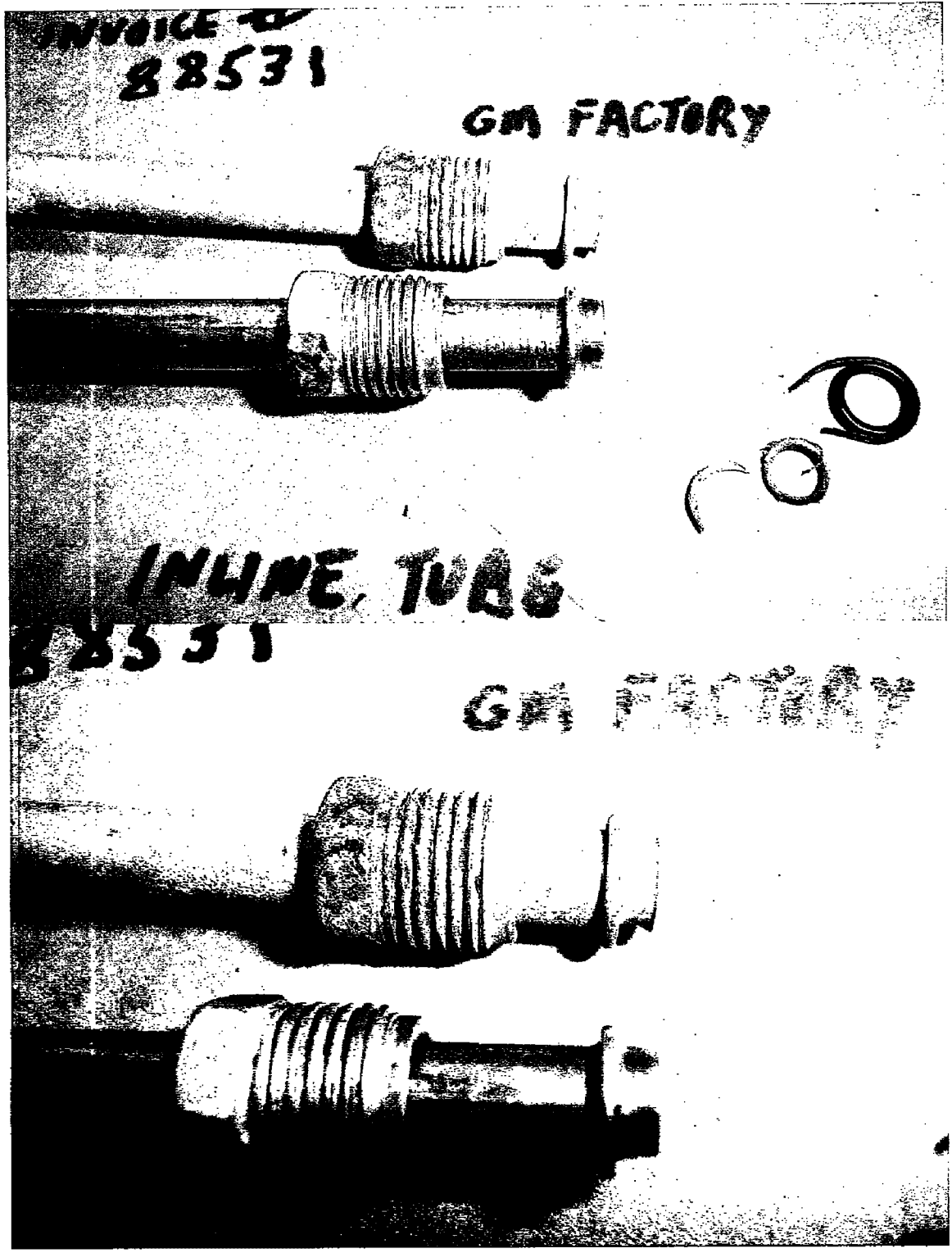
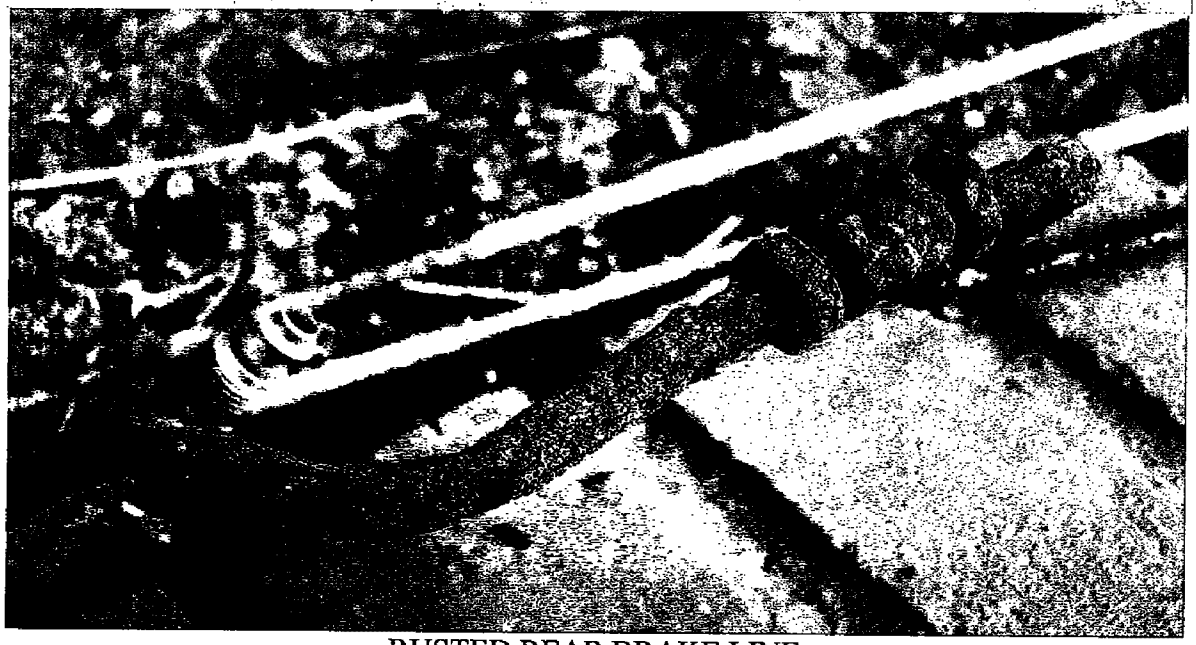


SOME OF THE O-RINGS AFTER THEY WERE INSTALLED ONCE AND THEN REMOVED.



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FACTORY LINE AND THE LINE FROM INLINETUBE.COM.



RUSTED REAR BRAKE LINE

FUEL LINES AT FUEL TANK SENDER