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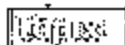
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speedometer very erratic on 2003 tahoe w/ 54,000 miles—manufacture back order on part per dealer back in march '08		
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2003 tahoe w/ 54,000 miles— windshield wiper motor "shorted" per service dept.— \$490.00 out of warranty.. if motor shorted, why do wipers work on high speed and regular speed but not intermit, and can't turn off ???—I suspect switch or relay— anyone have a comment ???		
<b>Martin</b> Hayward, CA	<i>May 22, 2008</i>	#4   <a href="#">Flag</a>   <a href="#">Reply »</a>
I have 2003 Avalanche and the speedometer goes "crazy" will show 30mph while being in a full stop. The speedometer is erratic. Anyone know whats the problem with this, bad sensor, bad relay? Any ideas or comments..		
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2003 Tahoe 73,000 miles erratic speedometer. Has anyone got a quote on replacing the speedometer cluster?		
<b>Allison</b> Wichita, KS	<i>Jun 15, 2008</i>	#6   <a href="#">Flag</a>   <a href="#">Reply »</a>
2003 Tahoe with 43,000 miles...erratic speedometer too. Mine periodically displays speeds much lower than actual, and the needle is "jerky" as it rises and falls.		

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**Don**      **Jul 17, 2009**      #7 | [Flag](#) | [Reply](#) »

**Concord, NC**

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**Bruce Madonna**      **Jul 24, 2009**      #8 | [Flag](#) | [Reply](#) »

**Hempstead Station, NY**

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I have been experiencing erratic readings for the last three months in my 2003 Avalanche. At times it seems to work for a short while and then degrades down to near zero at highway speeds. No error codes appear according to my mechanic.

**Bob Maffman**      **Jul 12, 2005**      #9 | [Flag](#) | [Reply](#) »

**Syracuse, NY**

The speedometer on my 2003 Tahoe began acting erratically last November and subsequently stopped altogether. All other instruments, including the odometer, still work fine. I haven't bothered having it fixed and usually judge speed roughly by the tachometer. I do seem to get places quicker, though...

**Bobby**      **Jul 17, 2006**      #10 | [Flag](#) | [Reply](#) »

**Baltimore, MD**

*Don's wrote:*  
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Well My Mother and I drive the 2004 Yukon and we were driving it and it happens to her but never happened to me yet...we were drivin down the road and speed limit sign says 65mph and we were definately doing 65 and the speedometer said 60mph lol...kinda funny but im thiridin its something to do with the relay or sensor...

**Bobby**      **Jul 17, 2008**      #11 | [Flag](#) | [Reply](#) »

**Baltimore, MD**

and y does it say Baltimore md lol...im from southern md yes but Baltimore is too far from me lol...I guess its a region thing?

**Chris C**      **Jul 18, 2006**      #12 | [Flag](#) | [Reply](#) »

**Fort Worth, TX**

I have an 03 Yukon with a crazy speedometer too. My speedometer does not move at all after doing all of the things mentioned above. I just hear an annoying "tick, tick, tick". The service person at the dealership said it was the motor to the speedometer and it would cost around \$400 to fix. I will judge by the tach as well until it becomes a recall.

**John**      **Jul 22, 2008**      #13 | [Flag](#) | [Reply](#) »

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My 2003 Tahoe speedo is acting wacky also. I also have been having the motor sound like it is running on 2 cylinders. I shut the vehicle off and wait a few. Then it is fine. I am afraid to take it to the dealer. Because I know I will get screw-- on the cost to repair.

Jim  
Rochester, NY      Jul 26, 2008      #14 | Flag | Reply >

My 2004 Tahoe Speedometer stopped working at 37K miles for a few days then started working again. Now at 41K miles it look to be shot. It randomly moves from 70 to past 120. I am taking it into the dealer today (I have son starting and got to have that speedometer!).

Deard Snider  
Columbia, MO      Jul 29, 2008      #15 | Flag | Reply >

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John Wood  
Woodward, OK      Aug 3, 2008      #16 | Flag | Reply >

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Cindy  
Auburn, CO      Aug 7, 2008      #17 | Flag | Reply >

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Did replacing the speed sensor work? We have 48K on our 2004 Tahoe and it simply isn't working.

James Marshall  
Apharets, GA      Aug 7, 2008      #18 | Flag | Reply >

*Gary wrote:*

*The speedometer on my 2003 Tahoe is acting erratic.*

I have a 2003 GMC 1500 Sierra Z-71 and my speedometer did the same things. It

would say I was going 120 mph when idling, wouldn't return to 0, and then finally pegged at max and stopped moving. It parts, labor, and tax it cost roughly \$1,100.00 for the dealership to repair. Now a friend's 2004 GMC Envoy's speedometer is doing the same thing.

DearId

Aug 9, 2008

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Columbia, MO

I don't think replacing the speed sensor will work. Custom Complete Automotive in Columbia, MO replaced the speed sensor and reset the computer in our '04 Tahoe. It worked for about 12 hours before screwing up again (ie. 70 mph will in the driveway). Custom contacted Perry Chevrolet in Columbia. They said they were familiar with the problem and they had seen 3 or 4 cases. They said the entire "cluster" needed to be replaced (total cost from Custom will be \$660). We're having the work done this week so hopefully that'll do the trick. I just hope it doesn't happen again. So how can we push GM to make this a recall? Can we write or call someone? Will they listen?

brj

Aug 9, 2008

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Washington, DC

since couple days my speedometer stopped working suddenly, there was other noticeable cause for that any car is \$1 mercedes 300d and dont know what the problem could be?

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momani

03-31-2005 10:12 AM

**2003 Tahoe speedometer problem**

Has anyone heard of the speedometers showing a higher speed than the the vehicle's actual speed? I looked down at the speedometer the other day and noticed I was doing 90 on the highway but people were still passing me. When I got to a place where I could stop, the needle went down to 20 even though I was stopped. When we turned off the ignition, the needle went down to 10. The following day, it slowly over the span of the day, went down to zero. Is this a known problem? Anyone else have this issue?

Ker Krazie

03-31-2005 10:37 AM

**Re: 2003 Tahoe speedometer problem**

We have a 2003 Tahoe but I do not believe we have had that problem. We also had our speedometer adjusted after we put our 20's on the car so they might have fixed the problem before it could start.

redvett01

03-31-2005 02:21 PM

**Re: 2003 Tahoe speedometer problem**

Quote:

Originally Posted by momani.

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I would think your cluster has gone bad, if you have less than 35000 mi your bumper to bumper will fix it. Otherwise its out of your pocket. Keep in mind the federal laws regarding the odometer being correct. Its a \$2500.00 fine if you sell it and have incorrect mileage and know it.

**reformedbeliever**

04-07-2005 11:59 AM

**Re: 2003 Tahoe speedometer problem**

I have an 03 chevy pickup.... and its doing the same thing. It actually starts only on longer trips. The speedometer is now getting to where it registers a slower speed than what is reality. The last trip the speedometer actually started slowing down and eventually registered 0. If you find the problem please let me know.

**redvett01**

04-07-2005 01:44 PM

**Re: 2003 Tahoe speedometer problem**

If your cruise control, ABS & fuel economy/performance is OK, then the only thing left is the cluster.

**RLY502**

04-07-2005 03:43 PM

**Re: 2003 Tahoe speedometer problem**

Yes, there have been lots of problems with these clusters the most common is all gauges inop, but that is just fixed with a software update at your local G.M. dealer, I have seen at least 2 with your problem and both were internal cluster failures

**momani**

05-30-2005 08:37 AM

**Re: 2003 Tahoe speedometer problem**

Thanks for the help guys. The speedometer problem started at 37,000 miles, go figure. The dealership said it was going to cost me \$600 minimum to get it fixed depending on the actual problem. So we were just going to trade it in on a new Tahoe. But they wouldn't give us enough on trade in. We went down to the Nissan dealer and got almost what we needed for trade in on a new Armada. Guys, I'm telling you, if you have a Tahoe and want to upgrade to a better vehicle, try the Armada. More horsepower, torque, towing capacity, techno gadgets, interior space, and it even costs less than the Tahoe (comparably equipped). We have a nav system, power rear liftgate, rear backup camera that displays on the nav system with sensors, and more for \$45,000 with an extended 5 year 75k mile warranty thrown in. We are so happy with the Armada that Chevy has to work pretty hard to get us back for an SUV.

**GMCSonoma**

05-31-2005 09:49 AM

**Re: 2003 Tahoe speedometer problem**

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zeobandit

05-31-2005 10:05 AM

Re: 2003 Tahoe speedometer problem

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Originally Posted by moman1

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Something similar happened to me on my GTO (I was doing 200 in a 45), but after shutting off the engine and restarting, it went back to normal and hasn't happened since.

moman1

06-02-2005 08:29 PM

Re: 2003 Tahoe speedometer problem

Quote:

Originally Posted by GMCsonoran

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I'm in Colorado Springs and they would not cover it period. They said \$600 was the minimum and I would have to leave the vehicle with them for 2 to 3 days while they sent the entire cluster in to the company to get it checked out. Now I didn't shop around very much either though. Maybe this dealership is just trying to gouge people, I don't know. No matter now though. Service is such a big portion of my decision these days in car shopping. I've dealt with Ford before and I doubt I'll ever go back to them. Toyota is just too expensive (They wanted \$95 just to check out a fault code for me when Auto Zone does this for free). And now Chevy won't stand behind their products. Now I'm giving Nissan a shot.

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06-05-2005 09:04 AM

Re: 2003 Tahoe speedometer problem

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## GM Speedometer Lawsuits Call For Reimbursement Of Speeding Tickets

**Filed Under:** Government/Legal, Safety, Sport Utility Vehicles, Trucks/Pickups, Cadillac, Chevrolet, General Motors, GMC, Automotive News **March 5th, 2007 1:04 PM**

General Motors is facing a pair of federal lawsuits regarding the accuracy of their speedometers. Plaintiffs in both Washington and Oregon are petitioning for class action status independently, and hope to include all owners of 2003–2007 GM trucks and sport-utilities that have replaced faulty speedometers.

The complainants are suing GM not only for the cost of replacement speedometers, they're seeking reimbursement costs for anyone who's incurred a speeding ticket in their affected vehicle—they're even seeking recompense for rising insurance costs stemming from the moving violations.

The lawsuits affect Chevrolet's large truck family, including the Silverado, Suburban, Tahoe, Avalanche, and Trailblazer. Naturally, their GMC counterparts are included as well (Sierra, Denali, Envoy, Trailblazer), as well as Cadillac's Escalade.

If the lawsuits gain class-action status, thousands of truck owners will have the option of

