



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 SNOW CAMP

State NC

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail 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 7/16/07

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side  
 1GNCS13W1W2

Make  
 CHEVROLET

Model  
 BLAZER

Model Year  
 1998

Date Purchased  
 Dec. 1997

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number  
 Silen City Chevrolet, Buick & Pontiac 919-663-3061

Engine:  
 No. of Cylinders 6

Fuel Type:  
 Gas

Original Owner

Dealer's City  
 Silen City

State  
 NC

Zip Code

Transmission Type  
 AUTOMATIC

Antilock Brakes  
 Cruise Control

Powertrain  
~~4 WHEEL DRIVE~~  
 2 wheel Drive

Vehicle Component Code  
 061000 ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:ENGINE

Multiple Failure: 1

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

Incident Date(s)  
 14-JUN-2007

Failure Mileage  
 90000

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: 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), Crash(es), 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).

TL\*THE CONTACT OWNS A 1998 CHEVROLET BLAZER. THE CONTACT STATED THAT THE VEHICLE ACCELERATED ON ITS OWN AND MADE A RATTLING NOISE. THE VEHICLE FAILED TO STOP WHEN THE BRAKES WERE APPLIED. THE CONTACT PLACED THE VEHICLE IN NEUTRAL IN ORDER TO SLOW IT DOWN AND NOTICED THAT THE THROTTLE HAD BECOME STUCK. THE DEALER WAS UNABLE TO DIAGNOSE THE CAUSE OF FAILURE. THE PURCHASE DATE WAS UNKNOWN. THE CURRENT AND FAILURE MILEAGES WERE 90,000.

see Attached Letter 3 of 3

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.

July 19, 2007

[REDACTED]  
Snow Camp, N.C. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your time spent reading this letter. Recently, my wife and I found ourselves in a very dangerous situation involving our 1998 Chevrolet Blazer. We were traveling approximately 45 M.P.H. down the highway when our vehicle started accelerating uncontrollably. Because we were approaching a heavy line of traffic, my wife held the brake pedal to the floor in an attempt to stop the vehicle, but the vehicle kept steadily accelerating.

Realizing the severity of the situation I released my safety belt, leaned over, and knocked the vehicle into neutral. My wife, under my direction, then pulled over on the side of the highway, with the engine still revving up, and switched off the ignition, stopping the engine. We exited the vehicle and both of the wheels were smoking as a result of the break pads having been worn out.

Following this incident I took the vehicle to the Chevrolet place in Siler City, N.C. and explained to them what had happened. I was charged a fee of \$39.99 for diagnostics and was told that the number three cylinder had no compression

Declining any work, I took my vehicle home and pulled off the head myself. Under the intake valve, on the number three cylinder, I found a piece of metal that had broken off from the throttle body, traveled down through the engine, and lodged into the intake valve. I then took photos of the valve. (see attached photos)

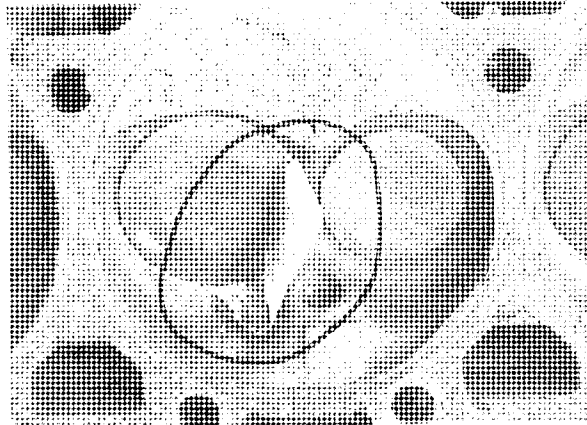
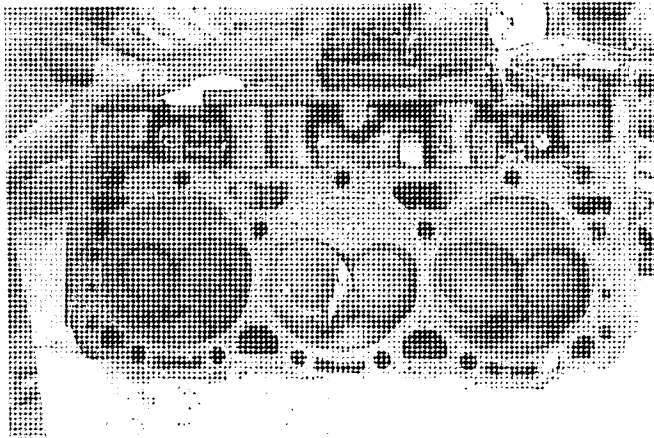
I had an acquaintance of mine, who is a mechanic, take the photos to another Chevrolet place in N.C. where a mechanic who specializes in head work reviewed the photos. He explained that he had seen other cases where this part had broken off the stop flap inside of the throttle body causing the engine to rev up.

After hearing this information I called General Motors (1-800-222-1020) and spoke with a Mr. Ian Farrell. He told me that they were unaware of any problems relating to this situation and he gave me a service number (71-537-

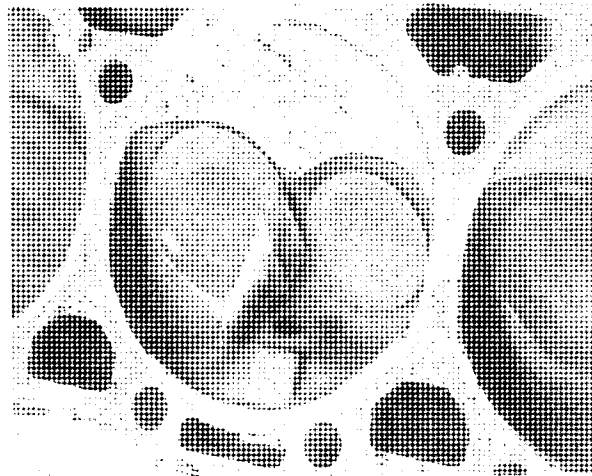
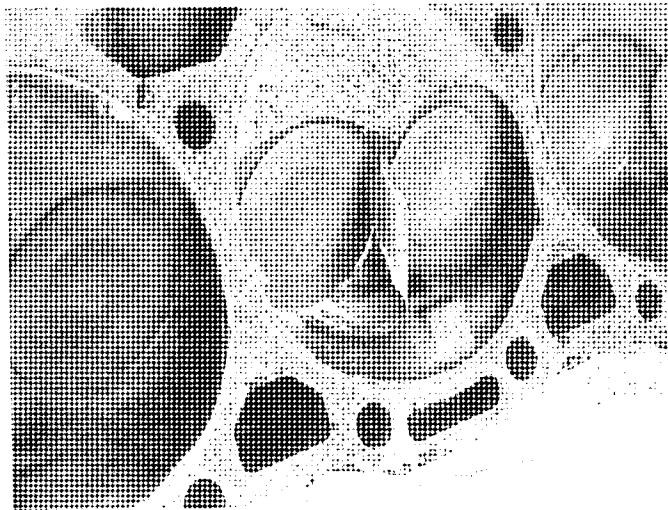
629262). I called and spoke with Mrs. Tiffany Clark in the complaints department (1-866-790-5600) who told me she would do some research and return my call. A Lindsay Rondot returned my call and told me that General Motors hadn't had any other complaints involving this problem. I truly believe this incident was a serious safety hazard. Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,

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← off  
Throttle  
Body



1998 Chevrolet Blazer  
VIN# 1GNCS13W1W2 [REDACTED]  
Purchase Car New  
Dec. 1997