



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 [Redacted]
Address [Redacted]
City COVINGTON State GA Zip Code [Redacted]

Daytime Telephone Number [Redacted]

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? [X] YES [] NO
In the absence of an authorized signature of the vehicle manufacturer, Signature of Owner [Redacted] Date 9/4/2007

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: 1G3HN52K7W [Redacted]
Make OLDSMOBILE Model 88 LS Model Year 1998
Date Purchased 01-JAN-98 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number GINN MOTOR CO. 770-786-3421
Engine: No: Cylinders 6 Fuel Type: Gas
Original Owner [X] Dealer's City COVINGTON State GA Zip Code 30014
Transmission Type AUTOMATIC [X] Antilock Brakes [X] Cruise Control Powertrain FRONT WHEEL DRIVE
Vehicle Component Code 203000 WHEELS:LUGS/NUTS/BOLTS (SPARE TIRE)
Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 20-APR-2006 Failure Mileage 190000 Failure Speed 0

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make [Redacted] Tire Model (Name or Number) [Redacted] Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) [Redacted]
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036) [Redacted] [] Original Equipment [] Prior Repair Failure Location: COULD NOT REMOVE SPARE
Tire Component Code [Redacted] Tire Failure Type [Redacted]

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make: [Redacted] Date Manufactured: [Redacted] Model No./Name: [Redacted]
Seat Type: [Redacted] Installation System: [Redacted]
Child Seat Component Code: [Redacted] Failed Part: [Redacted]

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash [] Yes [X] No Fire [] Yes [X] 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).

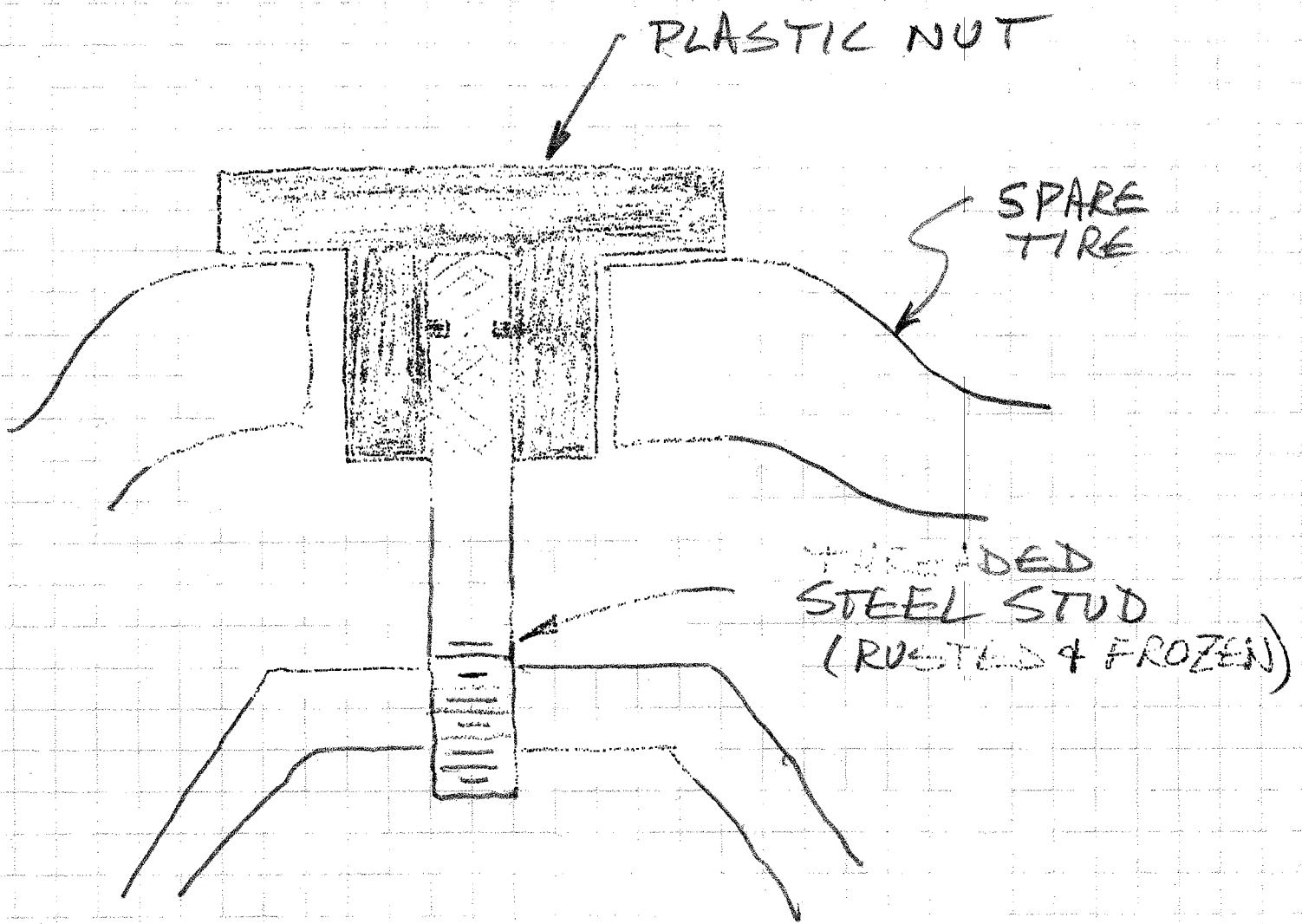
TL*THE CONTACT OWNS A 1998 OLDSMOBILE 88 LS. WHEN ATTEMPTING TO CHANGE A FLAT TIRE THE PLASTIC NUT THAT SECURED THE TIRE WOULD NOT RETRACT. THE NUT WAS BROKEN WITH A HAMMER SO THAT THE TIRE COULD BE CHANGED. THE CURRENT MILEAGE WAS UNKNOWN BECAUSE HE NO LONGER OWNS THE VEHICLE. THE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 190,000.

SEE ATTACHED SKETCH. FAILURE OF THIS SIMPLE PART LEFT ME IN A DANGEROUS SITUATION FOR A LONG TIME. CURRENT OWNERS NEED TO CHECK THEIR SPARE TIRE TO ENSURE THAT IT CAN BE REMOVED.

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 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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