



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

SILVER SPRING

State MD

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 9/20/2007

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

Make

Model

Model Year

1GKEC16K5P

GMC

SUBURBAN

1993

Date Purchased

APRIL 1993

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number (NO LONGER IN BUSINESS)

COVINGTON BUICK PONTIAC GMC TRUCK

Engine:

No: Cylinders 8

Fuel Type:

Gas

Original Owner

☒

Dealer's City

SILVER SPRING

State

MD

Zip Code

Transmission Type

AUTOMATIC

☒ Antilock Brakes

☒ Cruise Control

Powertrain

REAR WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code

070000 FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

15-AUG-2007

Failure Mileage

148000

Failure Speed

0

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 1993 GMC SUBURBAN. THE CONTACT SMELLED FUMES AFTER FILLING UP THE GAS TANK. HE TOOK THE VEHICLE TO A MECHANIC AND WAS INFORMED THAT THE FUEL TANK WAS RUSTED. A NEW FUEL SYSTEM IS CURRENTLY BEING PLACED IN THE VEHICLE. THE CONTACT HAS PICTURES. (THE PURCHASE DATE WAS UNKNOWN.) THE CURRENT AND FAILURE MILEAGES WERE 148,000.
(UPDATED ABOVE)

THE EXACT SOURCE OF THE FUEL LEAK WAS NOT DETERMINED, HOWEVER IT APPEARS THE LEAK WAS IN THE AREA WHERE THE FUEL LINES ENTER THE TANK. TWO PHOTOS ARE ENCLOSED. ONE PHOTO SHOWS THE ENTIRE TANK. THE OTHER PHOTO SHOWS THE LINES AND THE SEVERE RUST. NOTE THE FLAKES OF RUST AND HOW THE LINE SPLIT UPON GAS TANK REMOVAL

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

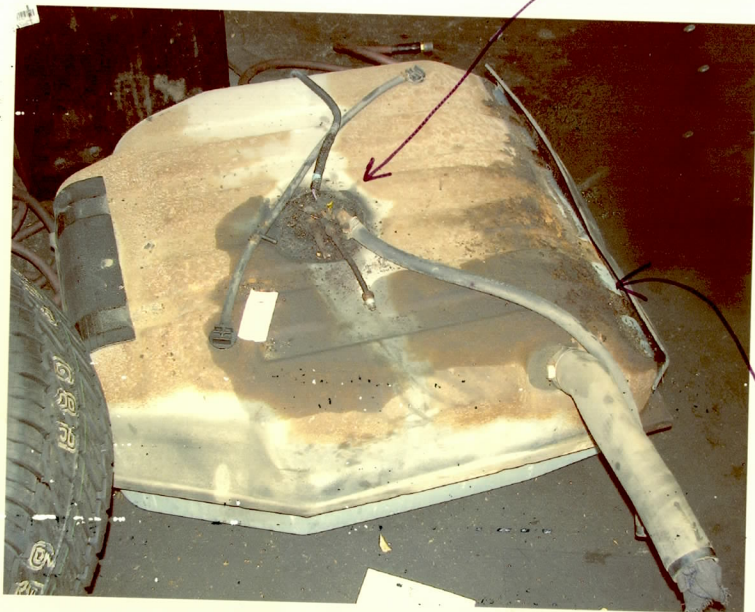
The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether 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.

DIGITAL PHOTOS ARE AVAILABLE IF DESIRED. ALSO THE LINES ALONG THE FRAME WERE RUSTED AND WILL REQUIRE REPLACEMENT. THANK

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TANK

LEAK AREA



NOTE EXTENSIVE RUST
DID NOT RUST THROUGH YET
(TANK WAS REPLACED)

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NOTE HOW FUEL LINES ENTERING TANK ARE SEVERELY RUSTED. FLAKES OF RUST ARE VISIBLE ON THE TANK.

(WE ARE FORTUNATE THE LINE DID NOT RUPTURE AND SPRAY FUEL UNDER THE VEHICLE.)

IT SEEMS THAT WATER COLLECTS ON TOP THE TANK HASTENING CORROSION...