



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)

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

PHOENIX

State

AZ

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? [X] YES [] NO

Signature of Owner

Date 11/10/07

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

1G1BL52PX

Make CHEVROLET

Model CAPRICE

Model Year 1995

Date Purchased 11-OCT-03

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine: No: Cylinders 8

Fuel Type: Gas

Original Owner

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type AUTOMATIC

[X] Antilock Brakes [] Cruise Control

Powertrain FRONT WHEEL DRIVE REAR

Vehicle Component Code 191000 TIRES:TREAD/BELT

Multiple Failure: 2

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 30-AUG-2007

Failure Mileage 163000

Failure Speed 35

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make PEP BOYS

Tire Model (Name or Number) FUTURA

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) P185/14 P235/70 R 15

DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036) U9M1/XBE3105/B03L

[] Original Equipment [] Prior Repair

Failure Location: DRIVER SIDE FRONT

Tire Component Code 191000 TIRES:TREAD/BELT

Tire Failure Type BLISTER

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 [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). P235/70 R 15

TL*THE CONTACT OWNS A 1995 CHEVROLET CAPRICE. THE VEHICLE HAS PEP BOYS FUTURA, SIZE P185/14 TIRES. ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS, WHILE DRIVING APPROXIMATELY 35 MPH, THE VEHICLE VIBRATED. THE CONTACT IMMEDIATELY PULLED OFF THE ROAD AND INSPECTED THE FRONT DRIVER SIDE TIRE. HE DISCOVERED A BULGE ON THE TREAD OF THE TIRE AT 14,000 MILES. THE CONTACT TOOK THE VEHICLE TO A TIRE DEALER AND THEY REPLACED THE TIRE. APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS LATER, THE CONTACT FELT A VIBRATION AND DISCOVERED THAT THE DRIVER SIDE REAR TIRE HAD A BULGE AT 16,000 MILES. THE REAR TIRE WAS REPLACED. THE CURRENT MILEAGE WAS 165,000 AND FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 163,000. FOR THE FIRST FAILURE. SECOND FAILURE AT 165,000 ON CAR, 16,000 MILES ON TIRES. I RETAINED THE SECOND FAILED TIRE FOR INVESTIGATION. ARIZONA HAS HIGH TEMPS + HIGH SPEEDS - WE ARE THE CANARY IN THE MINE FOR TIRE FAILURES. PLEASE INVESTIGATE QUICKLY BEFORE PEOPLE ARE HURT OR KILLED OVER THE 80,000 MILE SERVICE LIFE OF THESE TIRES. PLEASE CALL ME FOR MORE INFO OR TO EXAMINE THE FAILED TIRE.

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.