



U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

To Report Vehicle Safety Defects

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(1-888-327-4236)

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

EGG HARBOR CITY

State

NJ

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?
In the absence of a signature or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner: [Redacted] Date: 7/31/08

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side
2G1WN52KXW [Redacted]

Make
CHEVROLET

Model
LUMINA

Model Year
1998

Date Purchased

8/30/03

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Schithauer Chevrolet Inc. 1-800-304-7875

Engine:

No: Cylinders

6

Fuel Type:

Unl.

Reg.

Original Owner

Dealer's City

Quabtown, Pa.

State

Pa.

Zip Code

18951

Transmission Type

Automatic
4 Spd. Electronic
Trans.
W/overdrive

Antilock Brakes

Cruise Control

Powertrain

3.8 V-6 Fuel Inj. Eng.

Vehicle Component Code

030000 SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Multiple Failure:

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)
19-AUG-2008

Failure Mileage
160000

Failure Speed
40 MPH

Right Rear 3/8" Steel Brake Line puncture caused by manufacturer's pipe protruding from attachment to rear framing only 1/4 inch above frame of vehicle. Allowing most of steel

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 LUMINA. THE CONTACT STATED THAT THE BRAKE LIGHT ILLUMINATED ON THE INSTRUMENT PANEL WHILE DRIVING. HE NOTICED A SMALL PIN HOLE IN THE BRAKE LINE CAUSED BY CORROSION. THE VEHICLE HAS NOT BEEN DIAGNOSED BY A MECHANIC. THE SPEED WAS UNKNOWN. THE CURRENT AND FAILURE MILEAGES WERE 160,000.

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.

Responsible Brake line routing design by Manufacturer of this vehicle

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

78" Right Rear Steel Brake line was improperly installed at 2 Locations: a Top of Steel Cross-Frame at rear wheels. Spacing of Brake Line with retaining clips is done in order to assure brake line is attached with safe distance from any surface which could rust in time & possibly puncture the brake line (tube), as you inspect pictures I took of rear carriage of my 78 Chev Lumina, it is very to obvious why the brake line failure occurred at the above framing of this vehicle. How many other GM vehicles of 10 yrs old or older have been assembled in some irresponsible way? How many people will die account of complete Brake Failure of these Gen Motors cars? ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY. Frames are not rust proof!

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has a safety defect?**



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