



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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Date Received

23-FEB-2009

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Reference No.
10259661

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

DARLINGTON

State

SC

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize
In the absence of
Signature of Owner

Manufacturer of your vehicle?
Name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

☒ YES

☒ NO

Date 2/29/09

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

1G1YY32PXT5

Make

CHEVROLET

Model

CORVETTE

Model Year

1996

Date Purchased

7-24-04

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Central Carolina 919-661-4210

Engine:

No. Cylinders

8

Fuel Type:

GASOLINE

Original Owner

☐

Dealer's City

5770 NC 42 Hwy W, Garner

State

NC

Zip Code

27529

Transmission Type

Auto

☒ Antilock Brakes

☒ Cruise Control

Powertrain

Multiple Failure:

Incident Date(s)

10-FEB-2009

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Vehicle Component Code: 060000 ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

Failure Mileage
100000

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

Y

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 1996 CHEVROLET CORVETTE. THE CONTACT HEARD A VERY LOUD EXPLOSION AND HER HOME BEGAN TO SHAKE. SHE FOUND THE VEHICLE PARKED IN THE DRIVEWAY ENGULFED IN FLAMES. THE FIRE SPREAD RAPIDLY AS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED TO THE SCENE. THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED PRIOR TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ARRIVAL. A POLICE REPORT WAS FILED. UPON FURTHER INVESTIGATION, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE REGULATOR EXPLODED DUE TO PRESSURE BUILD-UP. THE VEHICLE WAS DESTROYED. THE VIN WAS UNKNOWN. THE FAILURE AND CURRENT MILEAGES WERE 100,000.

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.

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

The fire report indicated the cause of the car exploding was not determined. They were "not auto fire experts." A follow-up call has been made to Chevrolet to enquire about any recalls related to the fuel. If you have any questions or feel further conservation will help solve this, please call [redacted] at [redacted] area code [redacted] Thank you.

enclosed.

Picture are available upon request - [redacted]
or [redacted]

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

Darlington, SC

U.S. Department
of Transportation

National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE.
Washington, D.C. 20077-9382

Official Business
Penalty for Private Use \$300



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UNITED STATES

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WASHINGTON, DC

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Office of Defects Investigation, NVS-210
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE.
Washington, D.C. 20077-9382**



**Think your vehicle
has a safety defect?**



**If so:
Use the enclosed
form to file a report.**

**or visit:
www.safercar.gov**

**or call:
Vehicle Safety Hotline
888-327-4236**



Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ)
U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration



To: US Dept of Transportation

Please find attached the requested information related to our 1996 Corvette.

Enclosed: Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire, pictures of the car soon after the fire, and the police report. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact us. We would like to know if someone can determine the cause of the fire, any recall or manufacture defect information or any other information that would assist us in solving the loss. Thank you for your prompt attention and response in this matter.

Contact Information:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Darlington, South Carolina [REDACTED]

Phone: Home: [REDACTED]

Cell: [REDACTED]

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INCIDENT REPORT

Darlington County Sheriff's Office

CASE NUMBER

200902-0314

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INCIDENT TYPE		COMPLETED	FORCED ENTRY	PREMISE TYPE	UNITS ENTERED	TYPE VICTIM
1. DC6 - FIRES (NON-ARSON)		☒ YES ☐ NO	☐ YES ☐ NO	20(Residence/Home)		☐ Individual ☐ Business ☐ Financial Ins ☐ Government ☐ Relig. Orgn. ☐ Soc./Public ☐ Other ☐ Unknown ☐ Police Off.
2.		☐ YES ☐ NO	☐ YES ☐ NO			
3.		☐ YES ☐ NO	☐ YES ☐ NO			
INCIDENT LOCATION (SUBDIVISION, APARTMENT AND NUMBER, STREET NAME AND NUMBER)				ZIP CODE	WEAPON TYPE	
[REDACTED] Darlington, SC				[REDACTED]		
INCIDENT DATE 24 HR. CLOCK		DATE	24 HR. CLOCK	DISPATCH DATE/TIME 24 HR. CLOCK		LOCATION NO.
02/13/2009 14:00		02/13/2009	17:00	DISP. DATE	DISP. TIME	TIME ARRIVED
				02/13/2009	16:47	17:00
COMPLAINANT'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT		RESIDENT	RACE	SEX
SEE VICTIM		#1 #2 #3		☒ S ☐ O ☐ U		
ADDRESS		CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE	LOCATION NO.
		Darlington		SC		G-6
VICTIM'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT		RESIDENT	RACE	SEX
[REDACTED]		#1 #2 #3		☒ S ☐ O ☐ U	W	M
HEIGHT		WEIGHT	HAIR	EYES	FACIAL HAIR, SCARS, TATOOS, GLASSES, CLOTHING, PHYSICAL PECULIARTIES, ECT.	
5'07"	195	GRY - Gray or Pa	BRO - Brown			
ADDRESS		CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE	LOCATION NO.
		Darlington		SC		G-6
VISIBLE INJURY (VICT. 1) ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ EXPLAIN -		COMPLAINT OF NON-VISIBLE INJURIES: ☐ YES ☒ NO				
VICTIM (NO. 1) USING: ALCOHOL ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNK ☒		DRUGS: ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNK ☒		TYPE:		
TWO-MAN VEH. ☐ ONE-MAN VEH. ☐ DETECTIVE/SPL.ASMT. ☐ OTHER ☐		ALONE ☐ ASSISTED ☐		* J -- This Jurisdiction S -- State O -- Out of State U -- Unknown		
NAME, (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		RACE	SEX	AGE	ETH.	DATE OF BIRTH
FACIAL HAIR, SCARS, TATOOS, GLASSES, CLOTHING, PHYSICAL PECULIARTIES, ECT.						
ADDRESS		CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE	LOCATION NO.
SUBJECT (NO. 1) USING: ALCOHOL ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNK ☒		ARRESTED NEAR OFFENSE SCENE ☐ YES ☐ NO ☒		DATE/TIME OF OFFENSE		DATE/TIME OF ARREST
DRUGS: ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNK ☒		TOTAL # ARRESTED 0		02/13/2009 14:00		
THE ABOVE COMPLAINANT, ONE [REDACTED] STATED TO THIS OFFICER EVERETT, THAT HE HEARD A LOUD EXPLOSION, AND LOOKED OUT OF HIS WINDOW, AND SAW HIS CAR ON FIRE. THE COMPLAINANT STATED THE CAR IS A 1996 CHEVROLET CORVETTE, WHITE IN COLOR. THE COMPLAINANT STATED THE FIRE WAS COMING FROM UNDER THE HOOD OF THE CAR ON THE LEFT SIDE. COMPLAINANT STATED HE PUT THE FIRE OUT, WITH HIS FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AND REPORTED THE SAID FIRE. WHEN THIS DEPUTY EVERETT ARRIVED AND SPOKE WITH THE COMPLAINANT HE STATED HE DIDN'T ACTUALLY KNOW WHAT CAUSED THE FIRE. THE COMPLAINANT STATED HE DROVE THE SAID VEHICLE AT OR AROUND 2:00PM, BECAUSE HE WASHED THE VEHICLE AND EVERYTHING WAS ALRIGHT WITH THE VEHICLE AT THAT TIME. COMPLAINANT DID STATE TO THIS OFFICER THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE COLLISION INSURANCE ON THE SAID VEHICLE. THIS OFFICER EVERETT WAS CONTACT BY CHIEF WILLIAMSON OF THE SWIFT CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO REPORT TO THE SCENE AND I, LT. EVERETT CONTACT INVESTIGATOR GOINS. WHEN THIS OFFICER EVERETT ARRIVED ON THE SCENE BOTH CHIEF WILLIAMSON AND INV. GOINS WERE ALREADY INVESTIGATING THE SAID FIRE. CHIEF WILLIAMSON AND INVESTIGATOR GOINS RULED THAT THE						
JURISDICTION OF THEFT		JURISDICTION OF RECOVERY				
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY		LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY				
TYPE (GROUP)	03-Automobiles					TOTAL VALUE
STOLEN						
DAMAGED						
BURNED	\$21,500.00					\$21,500.00
RECOVERED						
SEIZED						
COUNTERFEIT						
SUBJECT IDENTIFIED ☐ YES ☒ NO		SUBJECT LOCATED ☐ YES ☒ NO		☐ ACTIVE ☒ ADM. CLOSED ☐ UNFOUNDED		☐ ARRESTED UNDER 18 ☐ EX-CLEAR UNDER 18
						☐ ARRESTED 18 AND OVER ☐ EX-CLEAR 18 AND OVER
REASON FOR EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE: 1. ☐ OFFENDER DEATH 2. ☐ NO PROSECUTION 3. ☐ EXTRADITION DENIED 4. ☐ VICTIM DECLINES COOPERATION 5. ☐ JUVENILE - NO CUSTODY						
REPORTING OFFICER(S)		DATE	UNIT NUMBER	APPROVING OFFICER		DATE
18025 - LT. JOYCE C. EVERETT		02/13/2009	18025	18025 - LT. JOYCE C. EVERETT		03/04/2009
				FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION OFFICER		
				☐ YES ☒ NO		

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SUPPLEMENTAL INCIDENT REPORT
Darlington County Sheriff's Office

CASE NUMBER

200902-0314

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- ☐ ORIGINAL REPORT
☐ MODIFIES ORIGINAL
- ☐ SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
☐ CASE STATUS CHANGE
- ☐ ADDITIONAL VICTIMS
☐ ADDITIONAL OFFENDERS
- ☐ ADDITIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY
☐ ADDITIONAL RECOVERED PROPERTY

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VICT./SUBJ. I.D. OVERFLOW	☐ COMPLAINANT	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)				VICTIM RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT			RESIDENT	RACE	SEX	AGE	D.O.B.	ETH			
	☐ VICTIM #					#1	#2	#3	* J S O U								
	☐ SUBJECT #	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR	EYES	FACIAL HAIR, SCARS, TATOOS, GLASSES, CLOTHING, PHYSICAL PECULIARTIES, ECT.											
	☐ RUNAWAY	ADDRESS				CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	LOCATION NO.	HOME PHONE	EMPLOYER PHONE						
	☐ WANTED																
	☐ WARRANT																
	☐ ARREST																
	☐ JAIL																
	☐ SUMMONS																
	☐																

NARRATIVE	☐ COMPLAINANT	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)				VICTIM RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT			RESIDENT	RACE	SEX	AGE	D.O.B.	ETH			
	☐ VICTIM #					#1	#2	#3	* J S O U								
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	☐ RUNAWAY	ADDRESS				CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	LOCATION NO.	HOME PHONE	EMPLOYER PHONE						
	☐ WANTED																
	☐ WARRANT																
	☐ ARREST																
	☐ JAIL																
	☐ SUMMONS																
	☐																

VEH./GUNE/ECT	STATUS		TYPE	VIN AND/OR LICENSE NO.		BOAT HULL NO. AND/OR REG. NO.		
	☐ STOLEN	☒ VEHICLE						
	☐ RECOVERED	☐ GUN					STATE	
	☐ FOUND	☐ BOAT						
	☐ TOWED	☐ LICENSE PLATE						
	☐ SUSPECT	☐ SECURITIES/BONDS, STOCKS						
	☐ VICTIM	☐ ARTICLE						
	JURISDICTION OF THEFT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY		JURISDICTION OF RECOVERY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY					
	SERIAL AND/OR OWNER APPLIED NO.							
	YEAR OF REGISTRATION		YEAR OF EXPIRATION	YEAR	MAKE	TYPE		

PROPERTY EST.	TYPE (GROUP)							TOTAL VALUE
	STOLEN							
	DAMAGED							
	BURNED							\$21,500.00
	RECOVERED							
	SEIZED							
	COUNTERFEIT							

ADMINISTRATIVE	SUBJECT IDENTIFIED		SUBJECT LOCATED		☐ ACTIVE ☒ ADM. CLOSED		☐ ARRESTED UNDER 18		☐ EX-CLEAR UNDER 18			
	☐ YES ☒ NO		☐ YES ☒ NO		☐ UNFOUNDED		☐ ARRESTED 18 AND OVER		☐ EX-CLEAR 18 AND OVER			
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	REPORTING OFFICER(S)				DATE	UNIT NUMBER	APPROVING OFFICER				DATE	UNIT NUMBER
	18025 - LT. JOYCE C. EVERETT				02/13/2009	18025	18025 - LT. JOYCE C. EVERETT				03/04/2009	

FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION OFFICER
☐ YES ☒ NO

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SUPPLEMENTARY INCIDENT REPORT
Darlington County Sheriff's Office

CASE NUMBER

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REPORT

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STOLEN PROPERTY

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RECOVERED PROPERTY

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Property

SEQ # 1	OFFENSE DC6	ITEM TYPE 03 - Automobiles	STATUS 2 - Burned	VALUE \$21,500.00	OJ? No	QUANTITY 1	DESCRIPTION BURNED VEHICLE	
MAKE CHEVROLET		MODEL CORVETTE	SERIAL NUMBER	OWNER APPLIED NUMBER		PRIMARY COLOR WHI - White	ITEM CATEGORY	DAMAGE AMOUNT
OWNER		NCIC	REC? No	REC. QTY	REC. VALUE	DATE OBTAINED	TIME	OBTAINED FROM

Vehicle(s)

SEQ # 1	INVOLVEMENT			REPORT AS PROPERTY? Yes	VEHICLE CATEGORY 03 - Automobiles	VEHICLE TYPE	YEAR
MAKE CHEVROLET		MODEL CORVETTE		STYLE	TOP/PRIMARY COLOR WHI - White	BOTTOM/SECONDARY COLOR	
LICENSE PLATE NUMBER		STATE	LICENSE PLATE YEAR	VIN	DESCRIPTION BURNED VEHICLE	SERIAL NUMBER	OWNER APPLIED NUMBER
VALUE \$21,500.00		QTY 1	OWNER		NCIC	DISPOSITION	
LEFT AT SCENE		DATE LEFT	TIME	RELEASED TO	DATE RELEASED	PLACE OF STORAGE	ON FILE

Ref # 10259661
96 Co
VIN: 1G1Y432PXT5
owner:



Ref # 10259661
96 Corvette VIN: 1G1Y432PXT5
owner: [redacted]



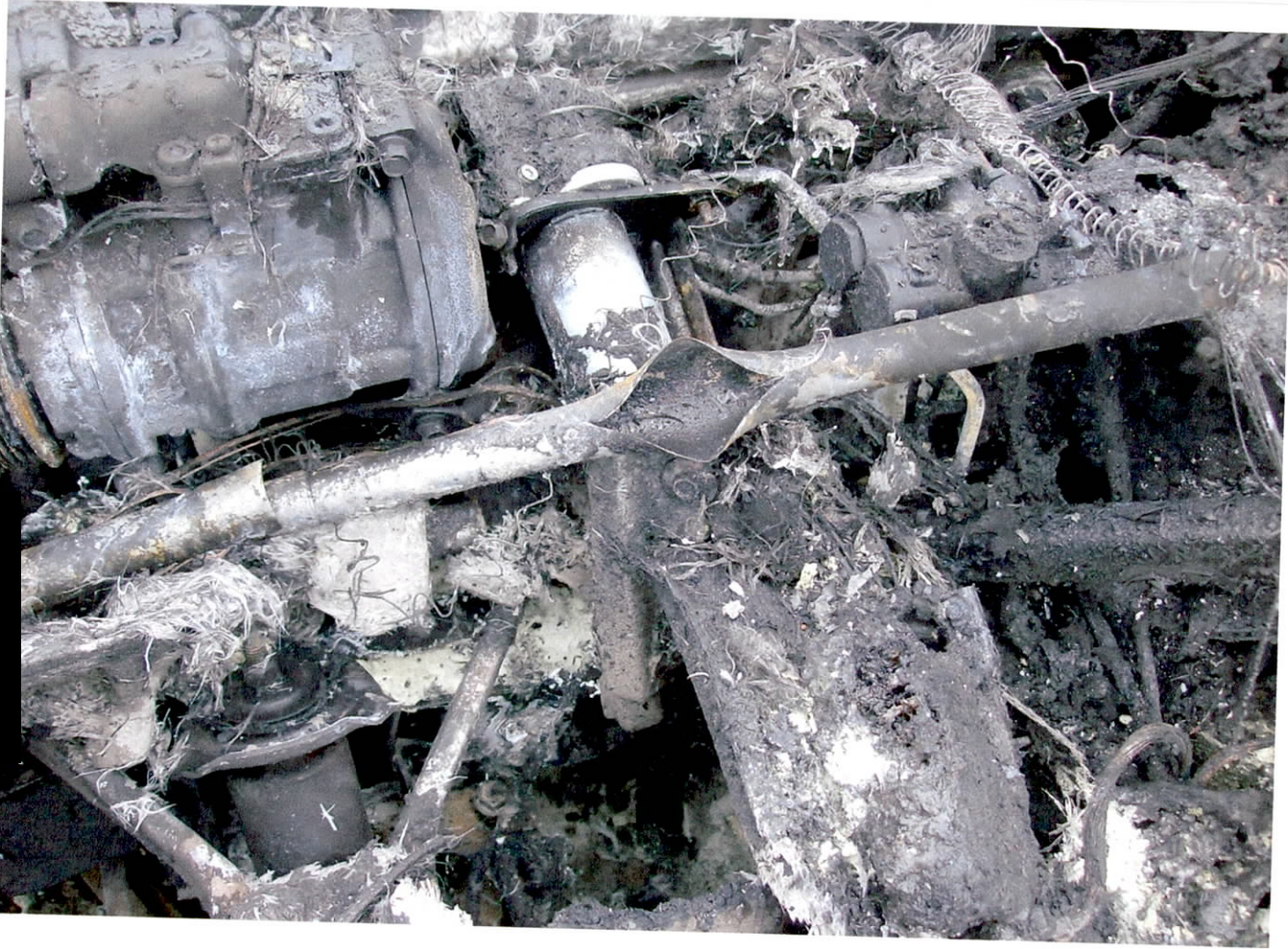
Front View - 96 Corvette - VIN - 1G1YY32PXT5
Ref # 10Z596601

owner:



Ref # 10259661 / 96 Cov. VEN# 1G1V432PKT5
Photo - Clear view of "Pipe" that exploded.

owner:



Ref: 10259661
96 Corvette - VIN # 1G1YV32PXT5
owner: [REDACTED]

