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 DOT Auto Safety Hotline

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U.S. Department of Transportation

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire
 To Report Vehicle Safety Defects
 1-888-DASH-2-DOT
 (1-888-327-4236)
 INTERNET:www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name [REDACTED]
 Address [REDACTED]
 City MILFORD State MI Zip Code [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED] 4
 Evening Telephone Number

E-mail Address [REDACTED]

The information you provide will be used to identify potential safety-related defects. We may share your information with the applicable vehicle manufacturer during an investigation or recall in accordance with the routine uses described in the agency's Privacy Act notice. See 49 FR 53971 (Sep. 3, 2004).

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side
 1GTCS1955Y8 [REDACTED] B Make GMC Model SONOMA Model Year 2000
 Date Purchased 9-2000 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number Engine: No: Cylinders 4 Fuel Type: FLEET GAS
 Original Owner [X] Dealer's City State Zip Code
 Transmission Type Antilock Brakes Powertrain Multiple Failure: Incident Date(s) 02-JUL-2010
 Cruise Control

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Vehicle Component Code: 161000 STRUCTURE: FRAME AND MEMBERS Failure Mileage 92000 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 Failure Location:
 Prior Repair
 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 Number of Deaths 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 2000 GMC SONOMA PICKUP. WHEN THE VEHICLE WAS PARKED, THE CONTACT NOTICED THAT THE REAR SPARE TIRE MOUNTING CABLE BROKE WITHOUT WARNING DUE TO CORROSION. AN INDEPENDENT MECHANIC STATED THAT THE FAILURE WAS A COMMON ISSUE WITH HIS MODEL VEHICLE. THE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS APPROXIMATELY 92,000 . THE CONTACT HAD SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS OF A POTENTIAL SAFETY HAZARD.

*Had the cable broke on the highway at High speeds,
 The result could have been disastrous.*

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

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

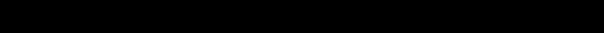
The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a 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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Date: Monday, October 25, 2010 9:41:48 AM
Attachments: [GMC Pickup Doc.pdf](#)



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From: EVOQ (NHTSA)
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2010 9:04 AM
To: Wells, Cynthia CTR (NHTSA)
Subject: FW: NHTSA: Follow up to ODI Complaint: 10341953

From: 
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2010 8:06 PM
To: EVOQ (NHTSA)
Subject: Re: NHTSA: Follow up to ODI Complaint: 10341953

Attached document. As noted, if this spare tire cable mount had broken on the highway, the spare tire would have been rolling around on the roadway and been a very severe hazard to my vehicle as well as other vehicles.

----- Original Message -----

From: EVOQ@dot.gov
To: 
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 1:12:59 PM
Subject: FW: NHTSA: Follow up to ODI Complaint: 10341953

Please see the attached copy of your recent complaint and instructions. Please make any necessary edits and return via email to dataquality@dot.gov or fax to (202) 366-1767. Due to the volume of complaints we receive and our limited resources, we can not respond to every complaint.
NHTSA/Office of Defects Investigation