



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 [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED]  
City LEECHBURG State PA Zip Code [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED] E-mail Address [REDACTED]  
Evening Telephone Number [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: 1GTEK14R7VZ [REDACTED]  
Make GMC Model SIERRA 1500 Model Year 1997  
Date Purchased 2002 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number No Longer in Business Engine: No. Cylinders 8 Fuel Type: REG. GAS  
Original Owner  Dealer's City [REDACTED] State PA Zip Code 15656  
Transmission Type Auto  Antilock Brakes  Cruise Control Powertrain MAN-4WD Automatic Multiple Failure: Incident Date(s) 13-OCT-2005

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Vehicle Component Code: 120000 EXTERIOR LIGHTING Failure Mileage 60000 Failure Speed

**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 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 1997 GMC SIERRA 1500. THE CONTACT STATED THAT THE OXIDIZED PLASTIC HEADLIGHTS WERE NOT BRIGHT ENOUGH TO ILLUMINATE THE ROADWAY. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT DIAGNOSED OR REPAIRED FOR THE FAILURE. THE MANUFACTURER WAS MADE AWARE OF THE DEFECT BUT PROVIDED NO ASSISTANCE. THE APPROXIMATE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 60,000.

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 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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I would estimate night visibility down about 50% due to the poor quality of the composite lens housings. The lenses are not clean at all. Defect seems to be throughout thickness of lenses. Tried to buff a small part of surface and it did no good. Do not feel enough research was performed on these lenses before development. After all, isn't R+D the reason they blame for the high prices of everything we buy. Have seen same problem in many GM cars + trucks. Believe GM should make this right with a recall. Why not go back to the glass sealed beam lamps?

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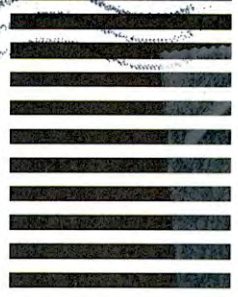
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**If so:  
Use the enclosed form to file a report.**

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