



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 DAMASCUS State VA 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: 1GTCT19X6W8 [REDACTED]
 Make GMC Model SONOMA Model Year 1998
 Date Purchased [REDACTED] Dealer's Name and Telephone Number [REDACTED] Engine: No: Cylinders [REDACTED] Fuel Type: [REDACTED]
 Original Owner Dealer's City [REDACTED] State [REDACTED] Zip Code [REDACTED]
 Transmission Type [REDACTED] Antilock Brakes Cruise Control Powertrain [REDACTED] Multiple Failure: [REDACTED] Incident Date(s) 16-JUL-2011

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Vehicle Component Code: 162000 STRUCTURE: BODY Failure Mileage 100000 Failure Speed [REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make [REDACTED] Tire Model (Name or Number) [REDACTED] Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) [REDACTED]
 DOT No. (Example: DOTMAL9ABC036) Original Equipment Prior Repair Failure Location: [REDACTED]
 Tire Component Code [REDACTED] Tire Failure Type: [REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make: [REDACTED] Date Manufactured: [REDACTED] Model No./Name: [REDACTED]
 Seat Type: [REDACTED] Installation System: [REDACTED]
 Child Seat Component Code: [REDACTED] Failed Part: [REDACTED]

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 [REDACTED] Number of Deaths [REDACTED] 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 GMC SONOMA. THE CONTACT STATED THAT THERE WAS RUSTING UNDERNEATH THE VEHICLE, CAUSING THE FRAME TO SEPARATE INTO TWO PIECES. THE DEALER AND MANUFACTURER WERE NOTIFIED, BUT OFFERED NO ASSISTANCE. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT REPAIRED. 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 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)

While driving the vehicle while pulling a utility trailer
The frame rusted into and the hitch fell
off dropping my trailer onto the highway.
This could have caused a major crash.

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has a safety defect?**



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form to file a report.**

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