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From: [Wells, Cynthia CTR \(NHTSA\)](#)
To: [Nelson, Carla CTR \(NHTSA\)](#)
Subject: FW: NHTSA: Follow up to ODI Complaint: 10509558
Date: Monday, June 10, 2013 3:05:39 PM
Attachments: [EVOQ EMAIL RESPONSE.doc](#)
[10509558.pdf](#)

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From: Williams, Maritza CTR (NHTSA) **On Behalf Of** DataQuality, DataQuality (NHTSA)
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 11:49 AM
To: Wells, Cynthia CTR (NHTSA)
Subject: FW: NHTSA: Follow up to ODI Complaint: 10509558

Here's another questionnaire. The ODI # is in the subject line.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 7:39 PM
To: DataQuality, DataQuality (NHTSA)
Subject: FW: NHTSA: Follow up to ODI Complaint: 10509558

Per the attached PDF, the issue at hand is more severe than mentioned below.

The care dies and has died numerous times for not apparent reason. It might work great for a week without any issues, then die 5 times on a 5 mile drive. After researching online regarding this issue, I have found multiple complaints about this issue with the same car and surrounding years (2000, 2003) Aleros. The fact that it dies while driving at any speed is cause for real concern, as it has died on me multiple times on the freeway. Fortunately I have been able to get over the side of the highway, but if I wasn't able to and it died in the middle of the freeway, someone would eventually crash into me and cause serious harm to both me and them.

A few scenarios keep coming up during my research, one of which being the fuel pump, but that never solves the issue, another is ignition control module or ignition switch, but after these are replaced, it doesn't seem to solve the issue. The last one is the security/ anti-theft system. I believe this is the issue going on. The system believes the car is being stolen and shuts off the gas line, so the car stalls out. All power steering and brakes also go out as a result. There seems to be no constant fix for this issue though.

Any help you can give me is greatly appreciated.

Take care.
Best Regards,

[REDACTED]
Director of Premium Sales
Play Visions, Inc./ Club Earth

Fax: [REDACTED]

From: EVOQ@dot.gov [<mailto:EVOQ@dot.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 5:37 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: NHTSA: Follow up to ODI Complaint: 10509558



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Consumer:

NVS-216rr

As a follow-up to your report to the Vehicle Safety Hotline (VSH), we have recorded your information on the enclosed Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ) form. Please review the form and make changes, additions and corrections as necessary. Additionally, please provide a more detailed description of the failures(s) you reported that you believe relevant to safety. Also, if available, include copies of repair invoices, letters to the manufacturer, or any other document related to the problem(s) you reported. If a crash or fire occurred, include a copy of the police or fire department report.

It is helpful to be as thorough as possible in your report so that our ability to use your report will be maximized. If you do not have the information, it is not necessary to complete all the boxes. However, it is very difficult to identify the scope of a vehicle problem unless the vehicle identification number (VIN) is known. The VIN is located inside the vehicle on the dashboard adjacent to the left (driver's side) of the windshield pillar and on the drivers' door or the driver's door jam. It may also be listed on a dealer repair invoice or your insurance or registration cards. When reporting a tire problem, the brand name, tire line and complete tire size should be included. Be certain to provide the DOT tire identification number. It is usually located near the rim flange of the tire on either side of the tire.

We do not make your personal information (name, address, phone numbers, etc.) available to the general public. However, if we open an investigation that involves your vehicle, we will provide the manufacturer of your vehicle with a complete copy of your report. The information you provide may assist the manufacturer and NHTSA in determining if a safety-related defect exists.

Any information provided is entirely voluntary. There is no consequence or penalty of any kind if you do not wish to provide it. We seek this information to develop both statistical and investigative evidence that will help identify potential safety related problems in vehicles or vehicle equipment, e.g., tires, child safety seats, jacks, etc.

When completed, please fold and staple or tape the form so that the pre-addressed portion of the form is on the outside. If a larger envelope is used, tape the VOQ form to the larger envelope so that the pre-addressed portion of the form is showing.

If further assistance is needed, please contact the VSH at their toll-free number, 1-888-327-4236.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Randy Reid Chief
Correspondence Research Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement

Enclosure: VOQ





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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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10509558

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City LYNNWOOD

State WA

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

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

1G3NF12E81C

Make
OLDSMOBILE

Model
ALERO

Model Year
2001

Date Purchased

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine:
No: Cylinders

Fuel Type:

Original Owner
☐

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type

☐ Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

Multiple Failure:

Incident Date(s)

01-NOV-2012

☐ Cruise Control

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Vehicle Component Code: ENGINE (PWS)

Failure Mileage
110000

Failure Speed
30

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 2001 OLDSMOBILE ALERO. THE CONTACT STATED THAT WHILE DRIVING 30 MPH, THE VEHICLE STALLED WITHOUT WARNING. SEVERAL MINUTES LATER THE VEHICLE WAS RESTARTED AND OPERATED AS DESIGNED. ONE MONTH LATER WHILE THE CONTACT WAS DRIVING 60 MPH, THE FAILURE RECURRED. THE VEHICLE WAS TAKEN TO AN INDEPENDENT MECHANIC FOR DIAGNOSIS BUT NO CAUSE FOR THE FAILURE WAS DETERMINED. THE SUGGESTION WAS MADE TO THE CONTACT TO USE A DIFFERENT KEY. THE CONTACT FOLLOWED THE DEALER'S RECOMMENDATIONS HOWEVER, THE FAILURE RECURRED ONE MONTH LATER. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT FURTHER REPAIRED. THE FAILURE AND CURRENT MILEAGE WAS 110,000.

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.