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Who You Are: Consumer

Incident Description: Overall. I recently purchased a 2005 Chevrolet Equinox. Nice vehicle. My issue is, and this is a broad observation. Headlamp lenses on cars. The newer cars out there, including my car, have, or are getting cloudy, and yellowed. This impeded the clarity, and strength of the cars headlamps, and over time, could be a serious safety hazard, if the driver is not able to clearly see at night. This seems to me to be a widely ignored issue with newer cars. The issue to me, is do to poor engineering, cost cutting, and extrememe oversight. Once the vehicle is older, and out of warranty, the consumer is responsible for fixing this issue. But in order to do this, they must fork out, several hundred dollars for new lenses, that is they were made right in the first place, would never fade, yellow, and cloud up. I live in the southwestern desert, it understandable that thisngs like paint, uhpolstery, etc fade, and dry out. But for a key safety feature on a vehicle to be subject to fading, and breakdown of it's designed purpose, is not acceptable. If I am in the wrong spot, please direct me to where I should send this. It makes me wonder if there is, or has been, sever injury or death do to the defect in theses headlamp lense materials, and design, and if anybody, antwhere can look into doing something about it. Give us some relief to fix our vehicles at a reasonable cost.

Incident Date: 12/4/2012 This is an estimate

Incident Location: Street or Highway - [REDACTED] Chandler , Arizona, [REDACTED] United States This is my home address

Victim Details

First Name:

Last Name:

Injury Information: Incident, No Injury

Victim is of Hispanic/Latino origin?

Race: Unspecified

Other Race/Ethnicity:

My Relationship to Victim: Unspecified

Gender: Unspecified

Age when incident occurred: (Unspecified) Years

Address:

E-mail:

Phone Number:

Product Details

Product Headlight lenses on various newer vehicles, foreign and domestic, made from clear plastic, that

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Description: fades, become cloudy, and no longer safe.

Product Automobile

Category:

Product Type:

Brand Name:

Manufacturer / Headlamp Lenses

Importer /

Private Labeler

Name:

Model Name or

Number:

Serial Number:

Date

Manufactured:

Manufacturer

Date Code:

Manufacturer Not specified

Address:

Manufacturer

Website URL:

Manufacturer

Phone Number:

Retailer:

Retailer State:

Additional Details

Purchase Date:

I still have the product in my possession. Yes

The product was damaged before the incident. N/A

The product was modified before the incident. N/A

Have you contacted the manufacturer? N/A

If not, do you plan to contact them? N/A

Explanation:

Your Contact Information

First Name:

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Last Name: [REDACTED]

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Consent

May we include your Report, including any documents or photographs that you have attached to your Report, but without your name and contact information, in CPSC's Public Database? Yes, you may include my Report with any attachments on SaferProducts.gov.

May we release your name and contact information to the product manufacturer / importer / private labeler identified in your Report? Yes, you may release my name and contact information to the product manufacturer / importer / private labeler.

I certify that I have reviewed the Report and that the information provided in this Report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. Yes

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