



US Department of Transportation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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**Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire**  
TO REPORT VEHICLE SAFETY DEFECT  
1-888-DASH-2-DOT  
1-888-327-4236  
INTERNET: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>

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**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

[Redacted Owner Information]

Daytime Telephone Number  
[Redacted]

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle?  YES  NO  
In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner: [Redacted] Date: 22 Dec 99

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN.) (17 Digits) <u>1GKCS13W9T2579435</u>	Vehicle Make <u>GMC</u>	Vehicle Model <u>Jimmy</u>	Vehicle Year <u>1996</u>	Current Odometer Reading <u>65300</u>
Purchased Date <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	Dealer's Name <u>[Redacted]</u>	Engine Size (CID/OCL) <u>[Redacted]</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection	
Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Restraint System <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt	Cruise Control <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Driver's Side <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel
Dealer's City <u>[Redacted]</u>		State <u>[Redacted]</u>	Zip Code <u>[Redacted]</u>	No. Cylinders <u>6</u>
Vehicle Type <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sport Ult. <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Body Style <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other		

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

Component	Part Name(s) <u>Wiring Harness</u>	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
No. of Failures <u>3</u>	Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>19 Aug 99</u>	Failed Part(s) Available? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	Mileage at Failure(s) <u>56376</u>		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <u>68 mph</u>		

**APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION**

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies) on the back of this form)

Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Number Persons Injured <u>0</u>	Number of Fatalities <u>0</u>	Estimated Property Damage <u>\$ 3500</u>	Reported to Police <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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**INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)**

To report defective or failed tires provide the following: DOT Number, Tire Manufacturer, Tire Name, Tire Size (include all numbers and letters).  
Note: This information not required for normal operation tires.

DOT		Manufacturer	Tire Name	Complete Tire Size
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**U.S. DOT safety standard code**  
The number may be on the inner side of the tire and have up to 11 letters and numbers. Usually located near rim flange on side opposite whitewall or on either side of blackwall tire.

The Privacy Act of 1974 - Public Law 93-578 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 administration 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)

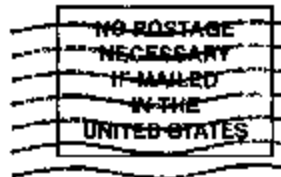
First incident occur 29 July 99 when vehicle was towed to  
Koons Chevrolet, Baltimore, MD because it failed to start  
They did a diagnostic test and said that the alternator was  
bad cost 583.34. Second incident the most serious occur  
when I was traveling to Langley AFB Va and I was  
about 500 ft from Thorsburg Va when the vehicle totally  
shut off, when I was driving about 68 mph. I had  
no power steering and no signal lights, to proceed to  
the emergency side of the road when I finally came to  
a stop I call Barnett come and had the vehicle tow  
away where about they remove and replace the alternator.  
also after doing another diagnostic test. This incident occurred  
16 Aug 99 not even two weeks com 4. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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Third incident occurred 26 Dec 99  
when once again the vehicle failed to  
start. I then called Seattle GMC, Va (Hampton)  
And had the vehicle towed to the  
Shop. They once again for the 3rd  
time performed a diagnostic test  
and found the wiring harness from  
the dash to the power seat had  
burned together therefore shorting  
out the battery and the alternator.  
The cost \$3500 and counting.

