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DOT Auto Safety Hotline Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

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REPORT VEHICLE SAFETY DEFECTS

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Street

City

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 send your comments to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Vehicle Identification No. (VIN): (Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side)

Make

Model

Year

1994 Buick LeSabre Sedan 1994

Purchased Date

Dealer's Name

TEMPLE MOTORS

Engine Size (CID/CC/L)

☐ Turbo
☐ Diesel
☐ Gas
☐ Fuel Injection

☒ New ☐ Used

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

No. Cylinders

Manufacture Date (on driver's door or pillar)

Transmission Type

☐ Manual
☐ Automatic

Restraint System

☐ Driverside Air Bag ☐ Motorbelt
☐ Passengerside Air Bag ☐ 2-Point Belt
☐ 3-Point Belt

Cruise Control

☐ Yes
☐ No

Drivetrain

☐ Front
☐ Rear
☐ 4-Wheel

Vehicle Type

☐ Car ☐ Sport Utility
☐ Van ☐ Truck
☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle
☐ Other

Body Style

☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door
☐ Stationwagon
☐ Pick Up Truck
☐ Other

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Part Name(s)

Location

☐ Left ☐ Right
☐ Front ☐ Rear

Failed Part(s)

☐ Original
☐ Replacement

Handicap Adaptive Equip

☐ Yes
☐ No

TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Brand

Tire Name

General Tire

Complete Tire Size

No. of Failures

Date(s) of Failure(s)

Mileage at Failure(s)

Vehicle Speed at Failure(s)

39,440 miles

Failed Part(s) Available?

☐ Yes ☒ No

NHTSA Previously Contacted?

☐ Yes ☒ No

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies). Attach photos if available.)

Crash

☐ Yes ☒ No

Fire

☐ Yes ☒ No

Number of Persons Injured

No.

Number of Fatalities

No.

Reported to Manufacturer

☒ Yes ☐ No

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

I was on 495 south, the beltway, driving home from Maryland. When all of a sudden I felt a very hard vibration. Coming from my two front tires and it was pretty difficult to try and control my car, so I let off on the gas and tried to get out off on the first exit, which was in Maryland. I went to a gas station, held on the time, where I did business with and asked if it would be okay to drive to my house. (Continue on back.)

The Privacy Act of 1974 - Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to 249 U.S.C. Chapter 301. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If 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.

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garage which was in Alexandria, VA. Johnathan the Le Harrison master at 5707 Le Harrison Dr. Arlington, VA 22202. He told me I could try but to be very careful drive slowly and stay off the highway, which I did. I remember all these took place around Nov. 1996 or maybe the latter part of Sept. 1996. When I arrived at my garage it so happened that the district manager Keith Battle was there but they acted like it was just an everyday thing that happened. I speak better, a little better than most of it is any good. The number of the tire is 205/70R15 General Tire. My 1994 Buick Le Sabre was the one that was involved with these tires, made by Continental.

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I told the Temple Motors President at the time they should not put anymore General Tires on any of their cars because of this incident. His name was John Caporaletti. He since has sold his business to Koons, but is still working there. I wrote the President of General Tires, Mr Kern Frankenberg and told him about my experience with these tires and that I could've been killed on the highway if I hadn't been strong enough to hold on to my car, and then getting off the highway as soon as I could. They only paid for two Michelin tires when I thought they should pay for all four. I have pictures of these tires and I think the government should look into this fearing there could be someone hurt or killed or maybe both and who knows if it hasn't happened already. I just thought I should report it and see if I can still get reimbursed for my two other tires. I no longer own the 1994 Buick Le Sabre. Thank you very much. Sincerely,

