



# POSTED DOT Auto Safety Hotline Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire TO REPORT VEHICLE SAFETY DEFECTS

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Reference No. **562971**

### OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

[Redacted Owner Information]

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle?  YES  NO  
In the absence of your signature, please provide an address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date 8, 27, 01

### VEHICLE INFORMATION

Vehicle Identification (17 Digits) 2G1AW51W8H1142821 Make CHEVROLET Model CELEBRITY Year 1987

Purchased Date DEC 1990 Dealer's Name PRIVATE PARTY Engine Size (CID/CCL) 2.8L  Turbo  Diesel  Gas  Fuel Injection

New  Used Dealer's City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ No. Cylinders 6

Manufacture Date (on driver's door or pillar) DEC 1986 Transmission Type  Manual  Automatic Restraint System  Driver's Side Air Bag  Motorized  Passenger's Side Air Bag  2-Point Belt  4-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) TIRE 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 BRIDGESTONE Tire Name 5-402 Complete Tire Size 205/70 R14

No. of Failures 1 Date(s) of Failure(s) MAY 13, 2001 Failed Part(s) Available?  Yes  No NHTSA Previously Contacted?  Yes  No

Mileage at Failure(s) 25,000 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s): 70 MPH

### 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 0 Number of Fatalities 0 Reported to Manufacturer  Yes  No

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

Head separation occurred at 70 MPH. The tire was 8 years old. I was told that tires over 5 years old are dangerous and should be replaced. Most people don't know about this. Also, the manufacturers put the date of manufacture on the tire in a confusing way that most people don't know how to read. Maybe the manufacturers don't want people to read the dates because they would refuse to buy tires that were getting old.

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The Privacy Act of 1974 - Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to 49 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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The DOT should publish information about this, telling people how to read the dates and not to use tires that are getting old. Also, the DOT should make the manufacturers put the dates on the tires clearly labeled "date of manufacture" and written in the normal way so people can read them.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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Complete and return or place in your car manual for future use



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