

U.S. Department
of TransportationNational Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ)

NATIONWIDE 1-888-DASH-2-DOT

1-888-327-4236

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

Signature of Owner _____ Date ____/____/____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) (Listed at front of windshield or driver's side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
2G4WB52K3X1420832	BUICK	REGAL	1999	

Purchase Date 01-MAY-1999	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) <u>3.8 L</u>	☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☒ Fuel Injection
☐ New ☒ Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No Cylinders _____	

Transmission Type ☐ Manual ☐ Automatic	Antilock Brakes ☒ Yes ☐ No	Restraint System ☒ 3-Point Belt ☐ Motorbell ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ 2-Point Belt ☐ Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control ☒ Yes ☐ No	Drive Train ☒ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Sport Ult ☐ Van ☐ Truck ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other _____	Body Style ☐ 2-Door ☒ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other _____
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 01400000	Part Name(s) STEERING:GEAR:RACK AND PINION	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failures 2	Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>06-JUL-1999</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>16000</u> Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <u>10</u>	Failed Part(s) Available? ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? ☐ Yes ☐ No

APPLICATION INCIDENT INFORMATION

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

Crash ☐ Yes ☐ No	Fire ☐ Yes ☒ No	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

CLUNKING FEEL IN STEERING AS IF LOOSE COMPONENT OR EXCESS FREEPLAY SOMEWHERE. ORIGINAL "RACK" WAS REPLACED, AND NOW 3000 MILES LATER, THE REPLACEMENT RACK IS GETTING LOOSE AND CAUSING THE CLUNKING. THERE'S A SERVICE ALERT WITHIN GENERAL MOTORS # 98-12, BUT CLEARLY THEY HAVEN'T SOLVED IT, SINCE REPLACEMENT UNITS SOON REDEVELOP THE PROBLEM. ISSUE ASIDE FROM THE ANNOYANCE OF CLUNKING IN THE STEERING GEAR, IS "WHEN IS SOMETHING GOING TO FALL OFF AND CAUSE LACK OF STEERING"? INCIDENTALLY, MY WIFE RECENTLY PURCHASED A '98 OLDS INTRIGUE, AND THEY JUST REPLACED HER STEERING RACK. WONDER HOW LONG IT WILL LAST? FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME FOR MORE DETAILS. *AK

CONTINUED ON BACK (RELEAS)

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.