

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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Reference No.

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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 drivers side) 3GNFK16R3VG177958	Vehicle Make CHEVROLET TRU	Vehicle Model SUBURBAN	Vehicle Year 1997	Current Odometer Reading
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Purchase Date 01-JUL-1997	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 5.7L	☐ 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 01200000	Part Name(s) STEERING:GEAR BOX	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failures 10	Date(s) of Failure(s) 05-JUL-1999 Mileage at Failure(s) 40000 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 45	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 0	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

VEHICLE STEERING WOULD BE VERY UNSTABLE AND GIVE WAY IN TURNS AT HIGH AND LOW SPEEDS. STEERING WHEEL WAS VERY LOOSE AND WOULD BE TIGHT IN A LEFT TURN AND NORMAL IN RIGHT TURNS. TOOK IT TO THE DEALER AND THEY SAID IT WAS A BAD STEERING GEAR BOX. I LOOKED UNDER THE PLASTIC SHROUD FOR THE STEERING INPUT SHAFT AND THE LOCKING NUT WAS LOOSE. THIS STEERING PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE A PROBLEM FOR OTHER SUBURBAN OWNERS AS WELL. I DON'T THINK THIS GEAR BOX IS THE ONLY CAUSE AND DON'T THINK I SHOULD HAVE TO PAY 1000.00 DOLLARS FOR A REPAIR THAT IS A MANUFACTURER DEFECT. *AK

CONTINUED ON BACK (REVERSE)

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.