

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.

718654

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) (located at front of windshield or drivers side) 1GMDX03E3WD176042	Vehicle Make PONTIAC TRUCK	Vehicle Model MONTANA	Vehicle Year 1998	Current Odometer Reading
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Purchase Date 01-DEC-1997	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.4	☐ 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 11000000	Part Name(s) HEATER:DEFROSTER:DEFOGGER AND VENTILATION	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failures	Date(s) of Failure(s) 21-DEC-1999 Mileage at Failure(s) 26000 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 40	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)

THE DEFROSTER/DEFOGGER DOES NOT CLEAR FROST/FOG FROM PASSENGER SIDE WINDSHIELD & WINDOW RESULTING IN DANGEROUS DRIVING CONDITION WITH EVEN ONLY DRIVER IN VEHICLE. PROBLEM IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS WITH 7-8 PASSENGERS IN VEHICLE. DEALER HAS SEEN "SEVERAL" OTHERS; CONDITION "NORMAL." TWO TRIPS TO DEALER AND PROBLEM STILL EXISTS. SAME PROBLEM REPORTED ODI ID 852577 1998 CHEVROLET VENTURE ON 02/12/2000. PROBLEM IS DUE TO: 1. POOR ENGINEERING DESIGN RESULTS IN TOO SMALL DEFROSTER OPENING FOR SIZE OF WINDSHIELD 2. AS A RESULT, AIRFLOW IS DIRECTED TOWARDS DRIVERSIDE TO CLEAR DRIVER'S SIDE, LEAVING PASSENGER SIDE WITH LITTLE OR NO AIRFLOW. RESULTING IN VERY DANGEROUS CONDITION!!! HELP!!!!*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.