

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

www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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Reference No.

720756

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 on drivers side) 1G4HR54KXYU133267	Vehicle Make BUICK	Vehicle Model LESABRE	Vehicle Year 2000	Current Odometer Reading
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Purchase Date 01-AUG-1999	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.8 L	☐ 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 05150021 11000000 08210000	Part Name(s) ENGINE:GASKETS:VALVE COVER HEATER:DEFROSTER:DEFOGGER AND VENTILATION ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:ALTERNATOR:GENERATOR	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failures 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 26-NOV-1999 Mileage at Failure(s) 3131 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 25	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)

AT THE FIRST FILLING OF GAS TANK, FUEL CAME OUT OF BAD GASKET AND SPILLED FUEL CAUSING WICKED BAD FUEL SMELL THROUGH OUT INTERIOR OF CAR. HEATER HAS NEVER OPERATED PROPERLY. THE ONLY WAY THAT YOU CAN BE COMFORTABLE IN COLD WEATHER IS TO OPERATE MANUALLY. THE ALTERNATOR HAS ALWAYS HAD A VERY NOTICEABLE AND ANNOYING HUM AT SLOW SPEEDS. THE ALTERNATOR HAS BEEN REPLACED TWICE, WITH NO IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NOISES. POWER ASSIST FAILED AND AS A RESULT I LOST ALL BRAKING AND A STRONG ODOR DEVELOPED INSIDE THE CAR. THIS IS OK NOW AND ALONG WITH THE GAS TANK IS THE ONLY THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN REPAIRED.

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.