

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

**FOR AGENCY USE ONLY 258**

Data Received

10-APR-2000

 Od\_or \_\_\_\_\_  
 rt\_dt \_\_\_\_\_  
 od\_rt \_\_\_\_\_  
 up\_ltr \_\_\_\_\_

Reference No.

721278

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) <small>(Listed at front of windshield or driver's side)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1GNFC16F8SJ373679	CHEVROLET TRU	SUBURBAN	1995	

Purchase Date <b>01-JAN-1995</b>	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) <u>6.5</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No. Cylinders _____	

Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Restraint System <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbell <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Drive Train <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Ult <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Body Style <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other _____
--	---	---	--	---	--	--

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Component 03250000 07464000	Part Name(s) BRAKES:HYDRAULIC:ANTI-SKID SYSTEM POWER TRAIN:AXLE ASSEMBLY:SEAL:AXLE SHAFT	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
-----------------------------------	--	--	---

No. of Failures <b>1</b>	Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>03-MAR-1995</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>200000</u> Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <u>20</u>	Failed Part(s) Available? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured <u>0</u>	Number of Fatalities <u>0</u>	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
---	---	---------------------------------------	----------------------------------	---------------------------	---

**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)**

THE REAR AXLE SEAL CONTINUALLY FAILED, ALLOWING GEAR OIL TO SOAK THE REAR BRAKE SHOES. THE OIL SOAKED REAR BRAKE SHOES CAUSE MANY PROBLEMS, MANY AFFECTING THE ABS SYSTEM, AND DIRECTIONAL STABILITY OF THE VEHICLE DURING STOPS, THE DISTANCE REQUIRED TO STOP, AND A GENERAL POOR FEELING OF THE BRAKE SYSTEM. THE OIL SOAKED REAR BRAKE SHOES CAUSE THE REAR WHEELS TO LOCK UP AT LOW SPEEDS WHEN THE BRAKE IS APPLIED, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE CONDITIONS ARE WET. UNDER ALL BRAKING CONDITIONS, THE VEHICLE WILL PULL TO ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER. BECAUSE THE REAR BRAKES ARE NOT CONTRIBUTING TO SLOW THE VEHICLE DOWN, AS DESIGNED, THE FRONT BRAKES DO MORE OF THE STOPPING, AND THE ABS IS MORE APT TO DETECT AN ACTUAL SKID. THE ABS, UNLOCKS THE LOCK WHEEL, THUS OVERLOADING

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.