

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.

723428

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>(located at front of windshield or drivers side)</small>	Vehicle Make <b>CHEVROLET</b>	Vehicle Model <b>CAVALIER</b>	Vehicle Year <b>1996</b>	Current Odometer Reading
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Purchase Date <b>01-MAR-1996</b>	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CYL) _____ 4-CYL	<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"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbell <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt	Cruise Control <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Drive Train <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Ult. Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle	Body Style <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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## FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component <b>05100000</b>	Part Name(s) <b>ENGINE</b>	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
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No. of Failures <b>1</b>	Date(s) of Failure(s) <b>20-MAY-2000</b> Mileage at Failure(s) <b>59300</b> Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <b>45</b>	Failed Part(s) Available? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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## 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	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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## NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

WHEN CAR WAS TRAVELING AT ROUGHLY 45 MPH, CAR SUDDENLY LOST ENGINE POWER, THOUGH STILL HAD ELECTRICAL POWER. SUBSEQUENT REPAIR SHOWED CAM GEAR HAD BROKEN, CAUSING TIMING CHAIN TO BREAK. THIS SENT PART THROUGH ENGINE, DAMAGING 3RD CYLINDER (VALVES COMING UNSEATED OR DAMAGE TO HEAD). ORIG. PART IS PLASTIC, REPLACEMENT IS METAL. THIS RESULTED IN REPAIR CHARGE OF \$1600+ TO REPAIR DAMAGE CAUSED BY INFERIOR PART. AS VEHICLE IS OUT OF WARRANTY, CUST. FORCED TO PAY CHARGE. \*AK

CONTINUED ON BACK PLEASE

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.