

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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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 vehicle or on driver's side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1G1ND52MXW6213267	CHEVROLET	MALIBU	1998	

Purchase Date 01-NOV-1998	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CCL) 2.4L	☐ 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 ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ Passengerside Airbag ☐ Motorbelt ☒ 2-Point Belt	Cruise Control ☒ Yes ☐ No	Drive Train ☒ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Van ☐ Minivan ☐ Other ☐ Sport Utl ☐ Truck ☐ Motorcycle	Body Style ☐ 2-Door ☒ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 03273000	Part Name(s) BRAKES:HYDRAULIC:DISC:ROTOR:DISC HUB	Location ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No. of Failures 3	Dates of Failure(s) _____ Mileage at Failure(s) _____ Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) _____	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)

THERE IS EVIDENTALLY A DESIGN DEFECT ON ALL 1998 MALIBU FRONT ROTOR BRAKE SYSTEM COMPONENTS. IN 37,000 MILES I HAVE HAD THREE SETS OF ROTORS REPLACED ON THE FRONT OF MY MALIBU. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE SERVICE MANAGER AT THE DEALER NOTED THAT GENERAL MOTORS IS AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM. MY DEALER TELLS ME THAT THEY WILL COVER ANY FUTURE ROTOR/BRAKE PROBLEMS UP TO 60,000 MILES AND/OR UP TO FIVE YEARS THAT THE VEHICLE WAS PUT IN TO SERVICE. THE SERIOUS CONCERN IS WHY HAS GENERAL MOTORS FAILED TO ISSUE A NATIONWIDE CONSUMER ALERT TO ALL MALIBU OWNERS OF THIS SERIOUS, AND VERY COSTLY, PROBLEM? IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT THIS IS A MANUFACTURER/DESIGN TYPE DEFECT THAT, FOR SOME REASON, IS BEING KEPT VERY QUIET. I DO

CONTINUE ON BACK IF NEEDED

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.