

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.

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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 windshield on drivers side) 1GMDX03E5WD156780	Vehicle Make PONTIAC TRUCK	Vehicle Model MONTANA	Vehicle Year 1998	Current Odometer Reading
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Purchase Date 01-MAR-2000	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.4 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 12320000	Part Name(s) INTERIOR SYSTEMS:SEAT LATCH	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failures 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 01-AUG-2000 Mileage at Failure(s) 59000 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	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

HAVE EXPERIENCED MULTIPLE FAILURES OF THE SAFETY HARNESS LATCHING MECHANISM ON LEFT AND CENTER INDIVIDUAL BUCKET SEATS IN THE MIDDLE ROW (IMMEDIATELY BEHIND DRIVER). THE CENTER SEAT FAILURE WAS RECORDED WITH THE CENTER SEAT MOVED TO THE LEFT SIDE POSITION. THE FAILURE MODE IS THAT THE 3-POINT HARNESS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE VEHICLE WILL RELEASE UNEXPECTEDLY WHEN THE OCCUPANT SHIFTS POSITION IN THE SEAT. THE UNEXPECTED RELEASE OCCURS WHEN PRESSURE IS EXERTED "OUTWARD" ON THE HARNESS AGAINST THE RELEASE BUTTON ON THE RECEIVER PORTION OF THE HARNESS (SECTION BOLTED TO THE SEAT). A COSMETIC PLASTIC COVER ON THE METAL PLATE ON THE BELT PORTION OF THE HARNESS APPARENTLY WILL DEPRESS THE RELEASE BUTTON ON THE RECEIVER CAUSING THE HARNESS TO RELEASE.

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.