

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

Date Received

31-AUG-2000

Oid_or _____
rt_dt _____
od_rt _____
up_ltr _____

Reference No.

729655

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 drivers side)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1G1ND52J0X6167522	CHEVROLET	MALIBU	1999	

Purchase Date 01-MAY-1999	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3200	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" 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 _____
--	---	--	--	---	--	--

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 03220000	Par. Name(s) BRAKES:HYDRAULIC:POWER ASSIST:VACUUM SYSTEM	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
No. of Failures 3	Date(s) of Failure(s) 30-AUG-2000 Mileage at Failure(s) 39200 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 70	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 0	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
---	---	--------------------------------	---------------------------	---------------------------	---

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

I ACTUALLY HAVE TWO MALIBUS - ONE A 1998, THE OTHER A 1999. BOTH HAVE SELF-ADJUSTING REAR DRUM BRAKES WHICH DO NOT SELF-ADJUST, RESULTING IN THE FRONT BRAKES (DISC) DOING ALL THE STOPPING AND OVERHEATING AS A RESULT. THIS CAUSES ROTORS TO WARP, WHEELS TO "SHIMMY" WHEN BRAKES ARE APPLIED, AND LOSS OF CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE IN CRITICAL STOPPING SITUATIONS AT HIGH SPEED. REQUEST THAT YOU SUBPEONA ALL GM SERVICE RECORDS FOR BRAKE SERVICE ON MALIBUS AND SEE IF THERE ISN'T A SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH REPEATED FRONT DISC BRAKES HAVING TO BE REPLACED AT FREQUENT INTERVALS.

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.