

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.

731017

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 bottom of windshield or driver's side)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1G1JF5240S7179367	CHEVROLET	CAVALIER	1995	

Purchase Date <b>01-MAY-1995</b>	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CCL) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input 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"/> Driver Side Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger Side Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> Inertial Belt <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 Utl <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle	Body Style <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Station Wagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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## FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 07463000 05151000	Part Name(s) POWER TRAIN:AXLE ASSEMBLY:BEARING:AXLE SHAFT ENGINE:TIMING GEAR AND CHAIN	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 2	Date(s) of Failure(s) 01-FEB-2000 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 <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)

IN FEB 2000 THE FRONT AXLE OF MY CAR BROKE WHILE IT WAS BING BACKED OUT OF A PARKING SPACE. PRIOR TO THAT IT HAD MADE A LARGE CLUNKING NOISE ON A FEW OCCASIONS. AFTER I TOOK IT TO THE DEALER AND HAD SEVERAL VERY EXPENSIVE REPAIRS MADE IT CONTINUED TO MAKE THE CLUNKING NOISE, AND THE FRONT END WAS SHAKING . I BROUGHT THE CAR BACK TO BE LOOKED AT AND WAS TOL IT WAS THE TIMING BELT, AND THAT THE WHEELS AND BEARINGS NEEDED TO BE REPLACED. WE REPLACED THE WHEELS AND BEARINGS RECOMMENDED, BUT NOT THE TIMING BELT AS WE DID NOT AGREE THAT IT WOULD CAUSE SUCH A LOUD CLINK AND SHAKING OF THE CAR. AFTER REPLACING THE WHEEL AND BEARING THE CAR CONTINUED TO SHAKE AND PULL ON THE FRONT END AND CLUNK. WE FINALLY BROUGHT IT TO A NEW MECHANIC WHO FOUND

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.