

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) 3GNFK16T8YG111177	Vehicle Make CHEVROLET TRU	Vehicle Model SUBURBAN	Vehicle Year 2000	Current Odometer Reading
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Purchase Date 01-FEB-2000	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 5.3	☐ 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 02740000	Part Name(s) TIRES: TREAD	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failures 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 22-SEP-2000 Mileage at Failure(s) 12500 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 65	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)

MAJOR TREAD SEPARATION ON THE RIGHT REAR OF OUR NEW SUBURBAN, AT HIGHWAY SPEED AND NEAR BOISE, IDAHO. FORTUNATELY THE VEHICLE WAS REMOVED FROM THE FREEWAY WITHOUT LOSS OF CONTROL. THE BOISE, IDAHO FIRESTONE DEALER REFUSED TO WARRANTEE THE TIRE, SAYING THE CAUSE WAS ABUSE. THE TIRE IS 6 MONTHS OLD AND CAN BE PROVED TO BE MONITORED REGULARLY. THE DEALER REQUIRED THAT WE PAY RETAIL FOR THE REPLACEMENT TIRE, WITHOUT ANY ASSISTANCE. THE TREAD FAILURE IS EXACTLY LIKE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE WILDERNESS AT FAILURES. WE WANT TO BRING THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION BECAUSE OF OUR TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE AND THE FACT THAT THE LE 16" TIRE IS NOT ON THE RECALL LIST. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN GETTING THE REMAINING THREE TIRES REPLACED, AS WE ARE NOT COMFORTABLE

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.