



U.S. Department of Transportation

National 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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Reference No. 732718	

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> 1GNDT13W9V2252699	Vehicle Make CHEVROLET TRU	Vehicle Model BLAZER	Vehicle Year 1997	Current Odometer Reading
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Purchase Date 01-OCT-1997	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CYL) V6	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No. Cylinders _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Diesel
			<input type="checkbox"/> Gas
			<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection

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"/> Motorbell <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Drive Train <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Ult <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Body Style <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 02132000	Par. Name(s) SUSPENSION:INDEPENDENT FRONT CONTROL ARM:UNKNOWN T	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Frnt <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
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No. of Failures 2	Date(s) of Failure(s) 01-DEC-1998	Failed Part(s) Available? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Mileage at Failure(s) 26000	NHTSA Previously Contacted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) _____			

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)

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