

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.

735185

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) 1G2WP52K4WF276693	Vehicle Make PONTIAC	Vehicle Model GRAND PRIX	Vehicle Year 1998	Current Odometer Reading
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Purchase Date 01-MAR-1998	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/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 ☐ Motorbelt ☐ 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 06210000	Part Name(s) ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:ALTERNATOR:GENERATOR	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failures	Date(s) of Failure(s) 23-OCT-2000 Mileage at Failure(s) 35703 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 10	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)

WHEN CROSSING HWY 278 ENGINE FAILED DUE TO ALTERNATOR. THE CAR GAVE NO WARNING THAT ANYTHING WAS WRONG LEAVING CAR STRANDED IN MIDDLE OF HIGHWAY. I WAS UNABLE TO MOVE CAR OUT OF ONCOMING TRAFFIC AS THE KEY COULD NOT BE REMOVED FROM IGNITION. NOWHERE IN OWNERS MANUAL DID IT SAY THAT I NEEDED IGNITION KEY TO UNLOCK GEAR SHIFT COLUMN TO MOVE INTO NEUTRAL FROM PARK. I WAS ONLY ABLE TO MOVE CAR AFTER WE TRIED TO JUMP START CAR WHERE IT ALLOWED ME TO REMOVE KEY FROM IGNITION AND INSERT KEY INTO SLOT TO SHIFT CAR INTO NEUTRAL. THIS WAS A VERY DANGEROUS INTERSECTION AT 5:00 PM AND COULD HAVE RESULTED IN SERIOUS INJURY HAD A HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICER NOT BEEN AT THE SCENE. I FEEL THAT THIS IS A VERY UNSAFE DEFECT IN THE CAR DESIGN THAT NEEDS REPAIRED.

CONTINUED ON BACK (SEE)

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.