



U.S. Department
of Transportation

National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

NATIONWIDE 1-800-424-9393
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INTERNET: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>

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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) (Locate at bottom of windshield and driver's side door)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
JG1MR3363NK206412	GEO	METRO	1992	

Purchase Date 01-MAR-1995	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 Bel ☐ Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control ☐ Yes ☒ No
	Drive Train ☒ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Sport Util ☐ Van ☐ Truck ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other _____	Body Style ☒ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other _____

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 13730000	Part Name(s) STRUCTURE:HOOD ASSEMBLY:LATCHES	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 12-MAR-2001 95350 Mileage at Failure(s) 65	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ 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 Damag 0	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

I WAS TRAVELING AT 65 MPH ON AN EXPRESSWAY, IN THE FAST LANE, WHEN THE HOOD LATCH BROKE, CAUSING THE HOOD TO POP UP AND COMPLETELY BLOCK MY VISION OF THE ROAD. THERE WAS NO PRIOR INDICATION OF A POTENTIAL PROBLEM WITH THE HOOD LATCH. I WAS VERY LUCKY TO AVOID A COLLISION AND TO GRADUALLY WORK THE CAR OVER TO THE RIGHT SHOULDER. THE HOOD IS NOW TEMPORARILY TIED DOWN WITH ROPE AND A RUBBER STRAP. I AM THE SECOND OWNER OF THIS VEHICLE, HAVING PURCHASED IT FROM A FRIEND WHO BOUGHT IT NEW. HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY OTHER REPORTS OF HOOD LATCH DEFECTS FOR THIS MAKE/MODEL?*AK

COPIES OF THIS FORM ARE:

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.