



U.S. Department
of Transportation

National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

NATIONWIDE 1-800-424-9393
DC METRO AREA (202) 366-0123
INTERNET: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>

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Reference No.

744245

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

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|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) <small>(Location at bottom of and/or above driver's side)</small> | Vehicle Make | Vehicle Model | Vehicle Year | Current Odometer Reading | | |
| 1GNDT13W9T2261710 | CHEVROLET TRUCK | BLAZER | 1996 | | | |
| Purchase Date 01-MAR-1996 | Dealer's Name _____ | Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 4.3L | <input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio | | | |
| <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"/> Motorbelt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Bel <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 Util <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 _____ |

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

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|-----------------------|---|--|--|
| Component 02100000 | Part Name(s) SUSPENSION:INDEPENDENT FRONT | Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear | Failed Part's <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement |
| No of Failure 2 | Date(s) of Failure(s) 18-APR-2001 54000 Mileage at Failure(s) 0 | Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | NHTSA Previously <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

APPLICATION INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and injury(ies) on the back of this form)

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|---|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Number of Persons Injured 0 | Number of Fatalities 0 | Estimated Property Damag | 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)

THE BALL JOINTS HAVE SIGNIFICANT PLAY IN THEM AND ARE IN NEED OF REPLACEMENT: THIS WAS NOTICED WHEN TIRES THAT WERE NEW IN NOVEMBER WERE FOUND TO BE BALD ON THE INNER EDGE WHEN I SAW THE STEEL BELT. I THOUGHT IT WAS PERHAPS THE ALIGNMENT BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE THE BALL JOINTS ALLOWING THE WHEELS TO TOE OUTWARD. THIS I HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY FOUND TO BE POOR PLANNING IN THE DESIGN OF THE FACTORY BALL JOINTS IN THAT THEY DO NOT ALLOW FOR LUBRICATION OR MAINTENANCE. ON ONE SIDE THE WHEEL HAS PLAY OF APPROXIMATELY 1/2 INCH THE OTHER SIDE HAS SIGNIFCANT PLAY AS WELL, BUT NOT AS MUCH. THE FAILURE WAS NOT CATASTROPHIC, I WAS ADVISED BY MY MECHANIC NOT TO DRIVE THE VEHICLE AS THE BALL JOINTS ARE DEGRADED TO A STATE THAT IS UNSAFE.*AK

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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.