



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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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) (Location at bottom of windshield and driver's side door)	Vehicle Make OLDSMOBILE TRU	Vehicle Model SILHOUETTE	Vehicle Year 1998	Current Odometer Reading
Purchase Date 01-JUL-1998	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3800	☐ 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 01300000	Part Name(s) STEERING:POWER ASSIST	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 5	Date(s) of Failure(s) 01-JUN-2001 Mileage at Failure(s) 24500	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	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

REL. CLAIMS: 731603, 848089, 870477, 871178, 890098 STEERING FAILS WHEN GOING THROUGH PUDDLE AT ANY SPEED, EVEN 20 MPH. I BARELY MISSED HITTING SOMEONE. I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS IN MY 20 YEARS OF DRIVING. IS THEIR PATCH OR FIX AVAILABLE SINCE THIS WAS FIRST FOUND OUT ALMOST THREE YEARS AGO? THIS PROBLEM CREATES A DANGEROUS LOSS OF STEERING CONTROL ON WET ROADWAYS. PLEASE ADVISE ALLENKKUHN@YAHOO.COM. *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.