



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 or driver's side door)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1GNEC16R1XJ434979	CHEVROLET TRUCK	SUBURBAN	1999	
Purchase Date 01-JAN-1999	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L 5.7 CI	☐ 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 12310000	Part Name(s) INTERIOR SYSTEMS:SEAT TRACKS AND ANCHORS	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 2	Date(s) of Failure(s) 22-JAN-2000 11000 Mileage at Failure(s) 0	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)

SEAT FAILURE-THE DRIVER SIDE SEAT SUPPORT BROKE CAUSING THE SEAT TO LURCH FORWARD AND BACKWARD UPON STOPPING AND STARTING OF THE VEHICLE ACCOMPANIED BY A LOUD POPPING NOISE. DEALER IS REPLACING SUPPORTS ON BOTH THE DRIVER AND PASSENGER SEAT SINCE THE PASSENGER SEAT WAS ALSO LOOSE OR CRACKING. ENGINE-THE ORIGINAL ENGINE IN THE TRUCK FAILED. THE CRANKSHAFT ROD BEARINGS WERE BADLY WORN. THE TROUBLE WAS DETECTED BY A SLIGHT KNOCK IN THE LOWER PART OF THE ENGINE. THE NEW ENGINE STARTED TO PRODUCE A "TAPPING NOISE" UPON COLD START UP. THE DEALER SAID THIS WAS A NORMAL NOISE DUE TO LOOSE PISTONS (SLAP). THE NOISE SUBSIDES AFTER ABOUT 4 MINUTES OF WARM-UP. IF THIS IS PISTON SLAP, THE ENGINE WILL WEAR FASTER CAUSING PREMATURE FAILURE. I CALLED GM AND THEY WERE NOT INT

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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.