



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)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
W06VR52R6WR170700	CADILLAC	CATERA	1998	

Purchase Date 01-NOV-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 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 _____
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 02700000	Part Name(s) TIRES	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure	Date(s) of Failure(s) _____ Mileage at Failure(s) _____	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	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☐ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

THE CADILLAC CATERA HAS A DESIGN FLAW THAT CAUSES THE TIRES TO WEAR RAPIDLY. THE FIRST TIME THERE WAS A PROBLEM I NOTICED A VIBRATION IN THE CAR AND TOOK THE CAR IN TO HAVE THE TIRES BALANCED AND ROTATED. I WAS TOLD THE TIRES WERE WORN OUT AND THERE WAS NO NEED TO ROTATE OR BALANCE. THE CAR HAD APPROXIMATELY 17,000 MILES ON IT AND YOU COULD SEE THE CHORDS ON THE INSIDE OF TIRE. FRANK KENT REPLACED THE TIRES AND I WAS TOLD IT MUST HAVE BEEN A BAD SET OF TIRES BECAUSE EVERYTHING ELSE WAS WITHIN SPECS. IN JULY OF THIS YEAR, MY WIFE TOOK THE CAR IN TO GET THE TIRES ROTATED AND BALANCED BEFORE GOING ON A TRIP TO OKLAHOMA. AGAIN, WE WERE TOLD TWO OF THE TIRES WERE WORN OUT AND THERE WAS NO NEED TO HAVE THE TIRES ROTATED AND BALANCED. THE CAR HAD APPROXIMATELY 28,000 MILES ON IT. THIS TIME

CONTINUE ON REVERSE

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.