



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
2G1WH55K9Y9134400	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2000	

Purchase Date 01-OCT-1999	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.8	☐ 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 02100000	Part Name(s) SUSPENSION:INDEPENDENT FRONT	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 2	Date(s) of Failure(s) 01-AUG-2001 28000 Mileage at Failure(s) 20	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)

TOOK THE CAR IN AT 7K MILES REGARDING THE THUMP NOISE IN THE FRONT END. SHIMS WERE ADDED WHICH CORRECTED THE PROBLEM. AT 28K MILES I TOOK IT IN AGAIN FOR THE SAME PROBLEM AND WAS TOLD THE RACK AND PINION NEEDED REPLACEMENT. GM IS AWARE OF THE PROBLEM SINCE SEVERAL IMPALA'S ARE HAVING THIS PROBLEM AT 30K MILES. THE MNAUFACTURER IS NOT IN BUSINESS AND I WAS TOLD THEIR "TECHNICHANS AT GM ARE WORKING ON THE PROBLEM". I FILED A COMPLAINT WITH GM AND WAS TOLD THEY DID NOT HAVE A DATE WHEN THE NEW PARTS WOULD BE IN TO FIX MY CAR. WAS TOLD TO CONTINUE DRIVING, THERE IS NO DANGER IN DRIVING WITH A BROKEN RACK AND PINION. AFTER FILING THE COMPLAINT I WAS TOLD BY THE DEALER THE PART WILL BE IN IN APPROX 3 WEEKS. NOT A HAPPY CUSTOMER WITH GM AS I FEEL DRIVING THE CAR BROKEN IS ENDANGER

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.