



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
1G1NE52M7W6253576	CHEVROLET	MALIBU	1998	

Purchase Date 01-JUN-2001	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.1 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 _____

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 05150020	Part Name(s) ENGINE:GASKETS	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 01-SEP-2001 42800 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)

FOUR DIFFERENT MECHANICS GAVE ESTIMATES ON INTAKE GASKET REPLACEMENT. ALL STATED THAT THIS WAS A VERY COMMON PROBLEM WITH THE 3.1 LITRE GM ENGINES AND THEY WERE SURPRISED THAT GM HAS NOT ISSUED A RECALL ON THESE ENGINES. ONE MECHANIC SUSPECTS IT MAY BE THE DEXTRON ANTI-FREEZE THAT GMC REQUIRES IN THERE VEHICLES THAT IS EATING AWAY AT THE GASKETS AND CAUSING THE COOLANT LEAKAGE. HE HAD A CHEVROLET LUMINA IN THE GARAGE WITH THE SAME PROBLEM WHEN I GOT THE ESTIMATE. GM WOULD NOT COVER ANY OF THE REPAIR COST UNLESS WE PAID A GM DEALER TO EVALUATE THE PROBLEM WHICH OTHER GARAGES PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE. I HAVE A FORD AND HAVE RECEIVED EXCELLANT CUSTOMER SERVICE FROM FORD AND THEIR DEALERSHIPS. I WILL NOT BUY ANOTHER GM PRODUCT.*AK

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.