



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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Reference No.

753562

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) <small>(Location at bottom of windshield or driver's side door)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading		
	CHEVROLET TRUCK	TAHOE	2000			
Purchase Date 01-MAR-2000	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____		No Cylinders _____			
Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Restraint System <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt <input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Bel <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Drive Train <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Util <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Body Style <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other _____

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 02700000	Part Name(s) TIRES	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part's <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 07-SEP-2001 Mileage at Failure(s) 65	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

THIS TIRE BLEW UP WHILE I WAS DRIVING MY 4 CHILDREN ON 87NORTH. I WAS ABLE TO RETAIN CONTROL OF THE CAR ALTHOUGH I WAS PETRIFIED. THE TOW GUY COULD NOT CHANGE THE TIRE BECAUSE THE EXPLOSION RUINED THE HOIST MECHANISM TO ACCESS THE SPARE TIRE. WE WERE FLATBEDDED TO A REPAIR SHOP. WE HAD TO BUY A TEMPORARY TIRE. THE NEXT DAY WE REPLACED ALL FOUR TIRES WITH MICHELIN TIRES, NEVER WANTING TO OWN FIRESTONE TIRES AGAIN. EVERYONE WHO SAW THE TIRE SAID I WAS VERY LUCKY THAT THE CAR DIDN'T FLIP AND THAT WE DID NOT INCUR SERIOUS INJURIES. I WAS VERY THANKFUL THAT A POTENTIALLY SERIOUS SITUATION DID NOT RESULT IN SEVERE INJURIES. THIS TIRE WAS CLEARLY DEFECTIVE. I WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW THIS SO THEY DON'T GET HURT. I HAVE REQUESTED THAT FIRESTONE REIMBURSE US \$666.83 FOR THE EXPENSES INV

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