



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) (Location at bottom of windshield and driver's side door)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1G2WP121XVF348219	PONTIAC	GRAND PRIX	1997	

Purchase Date 01-SEP-1997	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) <u>3.8</u>	☐ 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 01310000 01400000	Part Name(s) STEERING:POWER ASSIST:PUMP STEERING:GEAR:RACK AND PINION	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No. of Failure	Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>15-DEC-2001</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>70000</u> Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <u>20</u>	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 <u>C</u>	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 STEERING STARTED TO LOCK UP WHILE TURNING TO THE LEFT AND THEN THE WHEEL WOULD NOT RETURN TO CENTER AFTER MAKING A TURN WITHOUT ACTUALLY TURNING THE WHEEL BACK. I'M NOT SURE HOW LONG THE PROBLEM WAS THERE BEFORE WE STARTED NOTICING THE STEERING DIFFICULTY BUT THE FLUID WAS REALLY CONTAMINATED FROM THE RACKS FAILURE. THIS RUINED THE POWER STEERING PUMP ALSO. WE HAVE HAD BOTH REPLACED BUT THE MAGNA/STEER IS STILL INOPERABLE, THEY ARE GOING TO INSTALL ANOTHER RACK AND PINION. WHEN THESE RACKS FAIL IT IS VERY DANGEROUS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORT. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF PONTIAC WILL REMBURSE US FOR THIS FAILURE, WE HAVE OVER A \$1,000. IN IT AND IT'S STILL NOT RIGHT. AGAIN THAN

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.