



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
1G4HP52K0VH497064	BUICK	LESABRE	1997	

Purchase Date 01-NOV-1996	Dealer's Name	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.8 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 06212000	Part Name(s) FUEL:CARBURETOR:UNKNOWN TYPE:MANIFOLD:INTAKE	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 13-FEB-2002	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ Yes ☐ No
	Mileage at Failure(s) 110862		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 0		

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)

DEFECTIVE INTAKE MANIFOLD ASSEMBLY MADE OF COMPOSITE MATERIAL CAN DEGRADE AND ALLOW COOLANT TO ENTER THE CYLINDERS TO CAUSE ENGINE FAILURE. THE REPAIR IS REPLACEMENT OF THE COMPOSITE INTAKE MANIFOLD WITH A METAL ONE, IMPLYING A DEFECT IN THE ORIGINAL DESIGN. THE REPAIR COSTS OVER \$900, AND INVOLVES THE VIN K- RPO L36 ENGINE USED IN HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF BUICKS, PONTIACS, CHEVROLETS AND OLDSMOBILES FROM 1995 TO 1998. I BELIEVE A RECALL IS WARRANTED FOR THIS DANGEROUS PROBLEM. PLEASE NOTE: THE DEALER LISTED IS NOT THE ORIGINAL SELLER OF MY VEHICLE, BUT THEY PERFORMED THE RECOMMENDED REPAIRS AS SPECIFIED IN GM TSB #01-06-01-007A PROMPTLY AND TO MY SATISFACTION.

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.