



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
1GHDX03E3VD209053	OLDSMOBILE TRU	SILHOUETTE	1997	

Purchase Date 01-FEB-1998	Dealer's Name	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.4	☐ 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 09202000	Part Name(s) LIGHTING:LAMP OR SOCKET:HEAD LIGHTS	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 2	Date(s) of Failure(s) 06-MAR-2002	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ Yes ☐ No
	Mileage at Failure(s) 55500		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 40		

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)

THE HEADLIGHT ASSEMBLY IS SUPPOSED TO BE A "SEALED" UNIT SO AS TO PROTECT THE HEADLIGHT BULB. ON MY OLDS VAN BOTH THE LEFT & THE RIGHT PROTECTIVE COVERS FELL OFF IN ABOUT 40 HRS OF EACH OTHER. AT FIRST I DIDN'T THINK OF IT AS A SAFETY PROBLEM, AND JUST WENT AHEAD AND TRIED TO ORDER JUST THE HEADLIGHT COVERS. IN CALLING AROUND TO SEVERAL AUTO PARTS STORES I FOUND THAT THIS IS A VEY COMMON DEFECT IN THE GM MINI-VANS. IN FACT THE PARTS PERSON THAT I CALLED AT CARL THOMPSON CHEVROLET IN FORT GRATIOT, MI, TOLD ME THAT THE SAME THING HAPPENED TO HIS '98 VENTURE VAN. HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT I COULD NOT JUST ORDER THE PROTECTIVE COVER FOR MY HEADLIGHTS, I MUST ORFER THE ENTIRE HEADLIGHT ASSEMBLY AT \$9

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.