



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 and driver's side door) 2G4WB52K9X1480551	Vehicle Make BUICK	Vehicle Model REGAL	Vehicle Year 1999	Current Odometer Reading
Purchase Date 01-DEC-2009	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3800	☐ 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 10314000	Part Name(s) VISUAL SYSTEMS:WINDSHIELD WIPER ARM	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 19-APR-2002	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ Yes ☐ No
	Mileage at Failure(s) 20930		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 55		

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)

THE NUT THAT SECURES THE DRIVER IS SIDE WIPER ARM TO THE DRIVE SHAFT CAME LOOSE DURING A DRIVING RAIN STORM WHILE TRAVELING ON THE PA TURNPIKE. THE WIPERS WERE OPERATING ON THE HIGHEST SPEED. THE WIPER ARM FLEW OFF FROM THE DRIVE SHAFT AND CAME TO REST AGAINST THE DRIVER'S SIDE VIEW MIRROR. DRIVER'S VISION IMMEDIATELY AND SEVERELY IMPAIRED DUE TO THE HEAVY DOWNPOUR AND ONLY WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY AND CAUTION (NEGOTIATING THROUGH OTHER TRUCK/CAR TRAFFIC) WAS ABLE TO PULL OFF TO THE SIDE OFF THE ROAD. YOU WOULD EXPECT A NUT, SECURING SUCH A CRITICAL ITEM, WOULD BE DESIGNED NOT TO COME LOOSE. TURNPIKE SERVICE REATTACHED THE WIPER ARM AND NUT AT NO CHARGE.*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.