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VEHICLE OWNERS QUESTIONNAIRE

OWNER INFORMATION

NAME  
ADDRESS  
TELEPHONE



NHTSA authorized to send a copy of this report to the manufacturer: Yes

VEHICLE INFORMATION

VIN: 1G1JC5448R7284092  
MAKE: Chevrolet  
MODEL: Cavalier  
YEAR: 1994

ODOMETER: 76000

PURCHASE DATE: NEW OR USED: Used

DEALER NAME: Kenny Ross Chevrolet

ADDRESS: Zellenople, PA 16063

ENGINE SIZE: 2.2 L

CYLINDERS: 4

FUEL INJECTION: Yes

TURBO: No

FUEL TYPE:

ANTILOCK BRAKES: Yes

CRUISE CONTROL: Yes

DRIVETRAIN: Front

DOT NUMBER: DOT  
TIRE MANUFACTURER:  
TIRE NAME:  
TIRE SIZE:

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INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)

REPORTED TO POLICE: No  
DRIVER AIRBAG DEPLOYED: No  
PASSENGER AIRBAG DEPLOYED: N/A  
ESTIMATED PROPERTY DAMAGE: \$N/A  
NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED: N/A  
NUMBER OF FATALITIES: N/A

ACCIDENT: No  
FIRE: No

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APPLICABLE ACCIDENT INFORMATION

NHTSA CONTACTED: No  
MANUFACTURER CONTACTED: Yes  
SPEED AT FAILURE(S): N/A  
MILEAGE AT FAILURE(S): 50,000, 61,400, & 76,000  
DATE(S) OF FAILURES: 12/96, 12/97, & 1/00  
NUMBER OF FAILURES: 3 total - 1 Original  
and 2 replacements

LOCATION: Front  
PART NAME(S): Head Gasket  
COMPONENT: Head Gasket

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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

DRIVER AIRBAG: No  
PASSENGER AIRBAG: No  
3-POINT BELT: Yes  
MOTOR BELT: No  
2-POINT BELT: No  
BODY STYLE: 4-Door

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I feel that this is a problem Chevrolet should stand behind, because there was a recall on '85 Cavalier head gasket problems, and it is obvious that this problem goes back to at least the 90's. There's no reason for a car to have 3 replacements with only 76,000 miles on it. It is apparent that this is a manufacturer's problem and the cost should not be passed on to the consumer. I have owned other cars with much higher mileage and NEVER had to replace even one head gasket, let alone 3!

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS  
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