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VEHICLE OWNER'S QUESTIONNAIRE
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OWNER INFORMATION

NAME

ADDRESS

City

TELEPHONE

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

VEHICLE INFORMATION

VIN: 1gmduo6l9rt229842

MAKE: Pontiac

MODEL: Trans Sport

YEAR: 1994

ODOMETER: 89,000

PURCHASE DATE: NEW OR USED: Used

DEALER NAME: Hunter Dodge, Jim Pankowits

ADDRESS: Lancaster, Ca 93534

ENGINE SIZE: 3.8L

CYLINDERS: 6

FUEL INJECTION: Yes

TURBO: No

FUEL TYPE: Gas

ANTILOCK BRAKES: Yes

CRUISE CONTROL: Yes

DRIVETRAIN: Front

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

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

COMPONENT: Motor failed while the vehicle was in motion. Causing the vehicle to lose braking power while in traffic. Which may have led to an accident if the driver was without an alternate path of escape

PART NAME(S): Headers or exhaust manifolds

LOCATION: Right Front

NUMBER OF FAILURES: 2

DATE(S) OF FAILURES: 8/06/2000

MILEAGE AT FAILURE(S): 79,000

SPEED AT FAILURE(S): 35 mph

MANUFATURER CONTACTED: No

NHTSA CONTACTED: No

APPLICABLE ACCIDENT INFORMATION

ACCIDENT: No
FIRE: No

NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED: 0
NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 0
ESTIMATED PROPERTY DAMAGE: \$1,000

DRIVER AIRBAG DEPLOYED: No
PASSENGER AIRBAG DEPLOYED: No

REPORTED TO POLICE: No

INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)

DOT NUMBER: DOT

TIRE MANUFACTURER:

TIRE NAME:

TIRE SIZE:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Several months after purchasing the vehicle it stalled in traffic at about 35 mph. The brakes according to my wife failed to stop the car when the engine stalled, however she managed to slow the car by downshifting and simultaneously steering into a parking lot she then threw the gear selector into park and managed to stop the car with our triplet infants and her Grandmother inside. I took the van to a shop and the mechanic told me that the factory installed headers (the dealers parts department refers to them as exhaust manifolds) were cracked and leaking which caused the car to stall. This problem is very common he informed me for cars manufactured with the header style of exhaust manifold. The repairs cost \$950.00, \$325.00 per manifold and \$300.00 for labor. There is another danger to the cracked exhaust besides stalling and crashing and that is carbon monoxide poisoning because it infiltrates the cabin of the van through the air ducts, I smelled exhaust on the way to the mechanic's shop. The parts counter person informed me that when he called the dealer for the new factory parts that they had them in stock and that is a sure sign that it's a common occurrence. could you let me if this problem has been reported to you before and if the manufacturer is taking any responsibility for the failed and defective factory parts. Thank [REDACTED]

END OF FORM



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Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

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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) 1GMDU0619RT229842	Vehicle Make PONTIAC TRUCK	Vehicle Model TRANS SPORT	Vehicle Year 1994	Current Odometer Reading
Purchase Date ☐ New ☐ Used	Dealer's Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L 6 CYL) No Cylinders _____	☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☒ Fuel Injection
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 06610001	Part Name(s) EXHAUST SYSTEM:MANIFOLD:OXYGEN SENSOR	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 2	Date(s) of Failure(s) 06-AUG-2000 Mileage at Failure(s) 79000 35	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	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☐ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

EXHAUST MANIFOLDS WERE CRACKED AND LEAKING, CAUSING VEHICLE TO STALL, THE FAULTY MAINFOLDS ALSO INFILTRATES VEHICLE WITH CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING, CONSUMER SMELLED EXHAUST FUMES. *SLC

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