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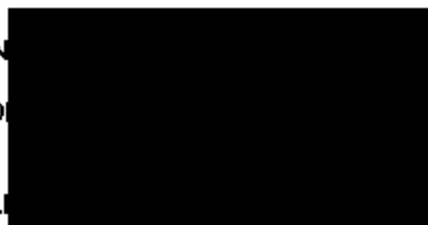
VEHICLE OWNER'S QUESTIONNAIRE

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OWNER INFORMATION

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NAME
ADDRESS
TELEPHONE



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

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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VIN: 1G8ZH52B1VZ223256
MAKE: SATURN AUTO
MODEL: SL1
YEAR: 1997

ODOMETER: 65000
PURCHASE DATE: NEW OR USED: New

DEALER NAME: SATURN OF HADLEY
ADDRESS: HADLEY, MA 01035

ENGINE SIZE: 1.9
CYLINDERS: 4

FUEL INJECTION: Yes
TURBO: No
FUEL TYPE: Gas
ANTILOCK BRAKES: Yes
CRUISE CONTROL: Yes
DRIVETRAIN: Front

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

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

COMPONENT: HEAD GASKET, WATER PUMP AND
GASKET, POWER STEERING PUMP, OIL
PAN GASKET, SERPENTINE DRIVE
BELT, TORQUE AXIS MOUNT

PART NAME(S):

LOCATION:

NUMBER OF FAILURES: 6

DATE(S) OF FAILURES: 3/13/01

MILEAGE AT FAILURE(S): 65000

SPEED AT FAILURE(S): 0

MANUFACTURER CONTACTED: Yes

NHTSA CONTACTED: No

APPLICABLE ACCIDENT INFORMATION

ACCIDENT: No
FIRE: No

NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED:
NUMBER OF FATALITIES:
ESTIMATED PROPERTY DAMAGE: \$

DRIVER AIRBAG DEPLOYED:
PASSENGER AIRBAG DEPLOYED:

REPORTED TO POLICE:

INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

MY 4 YEAR 3 MONTH SL1 4 DOOR AUTOMATIC SATURN WAS PURCHASED NEW ON 1/4/97. I BROUGHT IT TO SATURN OF HADLEY FOR ALL MAINTANCE INCLUDING RECOMMENDED MAINTANCE UNTIL THE 3YR OR 36,000 MILE WAS MET AT 2 1/2YRS. A ROTOR WAS WARPED AFTER 6 MONTHS OF OWNERSHIP AND SATURN REPLACED IT. IN JUNE OF 2000 I BROUGHT THE CAR IN FOR NEW BRAKES AND COMPLAINED OF THE COOLANT LIGHT COMING ON. THE COOLANT WAS TOPPED OFF. ON 3/13/01 MY SERVICE ENGINE SOON CAME ON AND I CALLED SATURN. I DROPPED OFF MY 4YR 3MONTH OLD CAR WITH 65,000 MILES ON 3/14/01 AND ASKED FOR A 60 MILE TUNEUP AND THE SERVICE ENGINE LIGHT SOON CHECKED OUT. I CALLED SATURN ON 3/15/01 AND WAS TOLD I NEEDED A HEAD GASKET, POWER STEERING PUMP, WATER PUMP, OIL PAN GASKET, SERPENTINE DRIVE BELT, AND A TORQUE AXIS MOUNT FOR AROUND \$1880.00. THE CAR IS ONLY 4YEARS OLD AND I STILL HAVE 9 MONTHS OF PAYMENTS TO MAKE. SATURN ESTIMATED THE WORK AT \$1880.00 PLUS THE \$300.00 FOR THE 60 MONTH TUNEUP. AFTER COMPLAINING TO SATURN THAT MY CAR HAD BEEN IN FOR SERVICE ON TWO PRIOR OCCASIONS FOR THE COOLANT, SATURN REVISED MY BILL TO \$1844.92. WHAT A DEAL!! ALL THIS ON A 4YR OLD CAR, WHAT RELIABILITY! I WILL NEVER BUY ANOTHER SATURN!!

END OF FORM



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Signature of Owner _____ Date ____/____/____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) (Location at bottom of windshield and driver's side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1G8ZH5281VZ22356	SATURN	SL1	1997	

Purchase Date 04-JAN-1997	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L <u>4 CYL</u>)	☐ 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 05000000	Part Name(s) ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING SYSTEM	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>13-MAR-2001</u> Failure(s) <u>65000</u> Mileage at Failure(s) _____	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)

HEAD GASKET, WATER PUMP, OIL PAN GASKET, SERPENTINE DRIVE BELT, AND COOLANT LIGHT ON, SERVICE ENGINE LIGHT WAS ALSO ON, WORK COMPLETED BY DEALER. *JB

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Signature of Owner _____ Date ____/____/____

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1G8ZH5281VZ22356	SATURN	SL1	1997	

Purchase Date	Dealer's Name	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 4CYL	☐ 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 01310000	Part Name(s) STEERING POWER ASSIST PUMP	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 13-MAR-2001 Mileage at Failure(s) 65000	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ Yes ☐ No

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

POWER STEERING PUMP FAILURE. *JB

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☐ Manual ☐ Automatic	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ 3-Point Belt ☐ Motorbelt ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ 2-Point Bel ☐ Passengerside Airbag	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel
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Component 03273000 03200000	Part Name(s) BRAKES:HYDRAULIC:DISC:ROTOR:DISC HUB BRAKES:HYDRAULIC SYSTEM	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 2	Date(s) of Failure(s) 01-JUN-2000 Mileage at Failure(s) _____	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ Yes ☐ No

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

WARPED ROTOR AFTER 6 MONTHS OF OWNERSHIP WAS REPLACED BY DEALER, ALL BRAKES REPLACED IN JUNE 2000 *JB

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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 13160000	Part Name(s) STRUCTURE:FRAME:MEMBERS AND BODY:OTHER PARTS	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 13-MAR-2001 Failure(s) 65000 Mileage at Failure(s) _____	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ Yes ☐ No

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TORQUE AXIS MOUNT REPLACED BY DEALER. *JB

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