

**786040**

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**Subject:** Car Talk VOQ submission

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SUBMISSION DATE: Thursday, July 11th 2002 at 12:54:05 PM

VEHICLE OWNER'S QUESTIONNAIRE  
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OWNER INFORMATION

[REDACTED]  
Dublin, OH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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

VEHICLE INFORMATION  
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VIN: 1G1YY22G5W5100150  
MAKE: Chevrolet  
MODEL: Corvette  
YEAR: 1998

ODOMETER: 19495  
PURCHASE DATE: 08/04/97  
NEW OR USED: New

DEALER NAME: Byers Dublin Chevrolet  
ADDRESS: Dublin, OH 43017

ENGINE SIZE:  
CYLINDERS: 8

FUEL INJECTION: Yes  
TURBO: No  
FUEL TYPE:  
ANTILOCK BRAKES: Yes  
CRUISE CONTROL: Yes

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

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION  
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COMPONENT: Fuel gauge

PART NAME(S):

LOCATION:

NUMBER OF FAILURES: Four

DATE(S) OF FAILURES: 7/6/02

MILEAGE AT FAILURE(S): 19551

SPEED AT FAILURE(S): 75 and 25

MANUFATURER CONTACTED: No

NHTSA CONTACTED: Yes

APPLICABLE ACCIDENT INFORMATION  
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ACCIDENT: No

FIRE: No

NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED:

NUMBER OF FATALITIES:

ESTIMATED PROPERTY DAMAGE: \$

DRIVER AIRBAG DEPLOYED: N/A

PASSENGER AIRBAG DEPLOYED: N/A

REPORTED TO POLICE:

INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)  
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DOT NUMBER: DOT

TIRE MANUFACTURER:

TIRE NAME:

TIRE SIZE:

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Dealership replaced expensive component after fuel gauge dropped from almost full to empty. Same problem occurred within a few days of repair completion. Fuel gauge dropped from almost full to empty while on freeway. Low fuel message came on and "check gauges" dashboard message came on. Pulled off freeway and turned off engine, waited about 10 minutes. Turned engine on but fuel gauge remained on empty. Gauge returned to full after 30 miles then returned to empty after driving another 10. Dealership stated could find nothing wrong this time.

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END OF FORM  
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U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

## Auto Safety Hotline

**Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire**

NATIONWIDE 1-800-424-9393  
DC METRO AREA (202) 366-0123  
INTERNET: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>

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Date Received

11-JUL-2002

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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) <small>(Locate at bottom of windshield or driver's side)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1G1Y22G5W5100150	CHEVROLET	CORVETTE	1998	

Purchase Date 04-AUG-1997	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L 8 CYL	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No Cylinders _____	

Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Restraint System <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt <input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Bel <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Drive Train <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Util <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Body Style <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Component 08100000	Part Name(s) FUEL:FUEL SYSTEMS	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part's <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
No of Failure 4	Date(s) of Failure(s) 06-JUL-2002	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Mileage at Failure(s) 19551		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 75		

**APPLICATION INCIDENT INFORMATION**

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and injury(ies) on the back of this form)

Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)**

THE FUEL GAUGE FLUCTUATES BETWEEN FULL AND EMPTY WHILE DRIVING, THE DEALER HAS REPLACED UNKNOWN COMPONENTS YET THE PROBLEM HAS REOCCURED. NLM

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.