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National Highway
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Administration

Auto Safety Hotline

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) <small>(Location at bottom of and/or above windshield)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading		
2G1GC39N4J1527311	GMC	SIERRA	1988			
Purchase Date <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used	Dealer's Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____ No Cylinders _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio		
Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Drive Train <input 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 type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 02740000	Part Name(s) TIRES:TREAD	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	Dates of Failure(s) _____ 01-DEC-2001 Mileage at Failure(s) _____ Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) _____	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Polic <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

WHILE TRAVELING ON HIGHWAY AND WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING FRONT TIRE TREAD SEPARATED FROM VEHICLE. UNIROYAL LARADO ALL SEASON. *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.

Fold to show Return Address (no stamp needed) Fasten with tape or staple and mail

INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)

TIRE IDENTIFICATION NO.*

DOT	AW11DA4143	MANUFACTURER/TIRE NAME	UNROYAL	SIZE	LT-245/75R16C
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* The identification number consists of 7 to 10 letters and numerals following the letters DOT. It is usually located near the rim flange on the side opposite the whitewall or on either side of a blackwall tire.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)

This is the third failure of a Uniroyal Larado All seasons tire. The first two were the original tires that came on the truck, and were DOT Canada. All the failure came while pulling a 24 foot trailer.

This first failure was in May of 1994 while traveling on I-5 near Mt. Shasta. The right rear of the truck began to bounce (about two inches up and down). I stopped at the next rest stop and found about a one inch split in the center of the tread. The tread was just starting to split apart. The tire was a Uniroyal Larado All Seasons, #LT-245/75R16E and had 57,000 miles on it.

On 12/13/94, I bought a new Uniroyal A-1 seasons tire number LT-245/75R16E to match the original spare tire I had put on the right front.

The second failure was in May of 1999. I left Wendover, Nevada, on I-80 heading east. About 40 miles later, I felt a vibration in the front of the truck. I pulled off the interstate and found about a three inch split and the tread starting to separate down the center of the tire. There was no noticeable bulge in the tire. This was the original spare tire, #LT-245/75R16E, with 11,000 miles on it. This tire was eleven years old, but was the spare tire carried under the truck bed out of the sun. I went to a Uniroyal dealer in Rock Springs, Wyoming, and asked him to replace the tire with a matched tire. The invoice listed the correct load rated 16E tire. I did not notice that the dealer had replaced the tire with an LT-245/75R16C instead of the 16E until I returned to California. The 16C had a 2200lb max single load and a 50PSI cold max pressure. The truck recommended 45 PSI on the front tires, so I kept the tire on the front of the truck and did not rotate it to the back. This was the third tire that failed on March 5, 2002. Uniroyal customer service attributed the tire failure to the wrong load range and not to any defect in the tire itself. They did not even want the tire returned to the company engineers to inspect for defects.

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