



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

08-APR-2002

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Reference No.

8007015

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		
SCCGA36B5MHF28048	LOTUS	ELAN	1991			
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 type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other _____

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 08110000	Part Name(s) FUEL:FUEL TANK ASSEMBLY	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) _____ Mileage at Failure(s) 37000 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 Police <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

WHILE PARKED ON A HILL AND WHEN GAS TANK IS FULL OF FUEL, FUEL LEAKS OUT. BUT, IF TANK IS ON HALF FULL ON HILL FUEL DOESN'T LEAK OUT. CONTACTED DEALER, CANNOT FIX PROBLEM.*AK

COPIES OF THIS FORM ARE:

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.

DOT Auto Safety Hotline				FOR AGENCY USE ONLY 1357			
 U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration		Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ) NATIONWIDE 1-888-DASH-2-DOT 1-888-327-4236 www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline		Date Received <u>APR 17 11:07 AM '02</u> DEFECT INVESTIGATION 08 APR 2002			
OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)				Id. or rt. dt. _____ od. rt. _____ wp. ltr. _____ Reference No. 8007015			
[Redacted] 747241				Work Number _____ Home Number _____			
Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? In the absence of an authorized signature, please print your name and address to the vehicle manufacturer.				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Signature of Owner _____				Date <u>4/25/02</u>			
VEHICLE INFORMATION							
Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) (Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side) SCCGA36B5MHF28048		Vehicle Make LOTUS	Vehicle Model ELAN	Vehicle Year 1991	Current Odometer Reading 37,400 miles		
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Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

If I fill the tank (fuel tank) to the top (full), The car smells like gasoline until the needle in the fuel indicator goes down to $\frac{3}{4}$ full. If I park the car on a steep hill, while the tank is full, some gasoline leaks to the floor.

I purchased the car 2 years ago with 24,000 miles, and it had this defect since I purchased it. The car has not been in any accidents.

Currently, every time I fill the tank I only fill it to $\frac{1}{2}$ of its capacity to avoid the leaks and the smell of gasoline.

I believe this is a problem that other owners of this particular model are having

Thank you



ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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