

U.S. Department
of TransportationNational Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ)

NATIONWIDE 1-888-DASH-2-DOT

1-888-327-4236

www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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07-NOV-2000

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Reference No.

874537

 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) (located at front of windshield on drivers side) 1G4HR54K8YU129430	Vehicle Make BUICK	Vehicle Model LESABRE	Vehicle Year 2000	Current Odometer Reading
Purchase Date	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____	☐ Turbo
☒ New ☐ Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____		No Cylinders _____	☐ Diesel
Transmission Type ☐ Manual ☐ Automatic	Antilock Brakes ☒ Yes ☐ No	Restraint System ☐ 3-Point Belt ☐ Motorbell ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ 2-Point Belt ☐ Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control ☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Gas ☐ Fuel Injection
Drive Train ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Sport Ult ☐ Van ☐ Truck ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other _____	Body Style ☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other _____		

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 06320000 06120000	Part Name(s) ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:WIRING:HARNESS:UNDER DASH ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY:CABLE	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failures	Date(s) of Failure(s) 27-AUG-2000 Mileage at Failure(s) 25000 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) _____	Failed Part(s) Available? ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? ☐ 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 Damage	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

VEHICLE WAS PARKED IN DRIVEWAY WHEN ENGINE COMPARTMENT BURST INTO FLAMES, BURNING CONSUMER'S HOUSE DOWN. DEFECT POSSIBLY RELATED TO BATTERY CABLE.*AK

CONTINUED ON BACK (REVERSE)

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print) [REDACTED] 653884				Reference No. <u>874537</u>	
Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☒ YES ☐ NO In the absence of an authorized signature, NHTSA will not accept your name and address to the vehicle manufacturer. Signature of Owner <u>[REDACTED]</u> Date <u>11/17/2000</u>					
VEHICLE INFORMATION					
Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) (Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side) <u>1G4HR54K8YU129430</u>		Vehicle Make <u>BUICK</u>		Vehicle Model <u>LESABRE</u>	
		Vehicle Year <u>2000</u>		Current Odometer Reading <u>28,000</u>	
Purchase Date <u>April 2000</u> ☒ New ☐ Used		Dealer's Name <u>Sigler Buick</u> City <u>Fremont</u> State <u>CA</u> Zip Code <u>94539</u>		Engine Size (CID/GGL) <u>6</u> ☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☒ Fuel Injection	
Transmission Type ☐ Manual ☒ Automatic		Antilock Brakes ☒ Yes ☐ No		Restraint System ☒ 3-Point Belt ☐ Motorbelt ☒ Driverside Airbag ☐ 2-Point Belt ☒ Passengerside Airbag	
		Cruise Control ☒ Yes ☐ No		Drive Train ☒ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	
		Vehicle Type ☒ Car ☐ Sport Util ☐ 2-Door ☐ Van ☐ Truck ☒ 4-Door ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Other ☐ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other			
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION					
Component <u>08320000</u> <u>08120000</u>		Part Name(s) <u>ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:WIRING:HARNES:UNDER DASH</u> <u>ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY:CABLE</u>		Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☒ Original ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ Replacement	
No of Failures <u>1</u>		Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>27-AUG-2000</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>25000</u> Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <u>Parked</u>		Failed Part(s) Available? ☒ Yes ☐ No NHTSA Previously Contacted? ☐ 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)					
Death ☐ Yes ☒ No		Fire ☒ Yes ☐ No		Number of Persons Injured <u>—</u>	
		Number of Fatalities <u>—</u>		Estimated Property Damage <u>\$450,000</u>	
				Reported to Police ☒ Yes ☐ No	
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11-10-2000

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh St. S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: [REDACTED]

My 2000 Buick LeSabre was parked in the driveway of my home (at 323 Escobar St. Fremont, Ca.) on the morning of August 27, 2000. It had been parked since 9:30 pm of the previous evening (August 26, 2000) and therefore, had been parked for over 8 hours.

At approximately 5:45 am on 8/27/2000, the engine compartment of the car burst into flames generating an intense fire with flames shooting over 10-12 feet into the air. These flames reached the garage door of our home and ultimately burned the house down. The Fremont Fire Dept responded (with two alarms/ 24 firefighters) and considered the fire to be under control by shortly after 6:00 am.

There was absolutely no evidence of arson or foul play and the fire dept. and police dept. determined that the origin of the fire was most definitely in the engine compartment of the Buick. The car had approximately 28,000 miles on it and had no previous problems (known to me).

We lost approximately 80 % of our belongings and the structural damage to our home is currently being assessed at approximately \$250,000.