



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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20-FEB-2001

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Reference No.

880893

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>(Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading		
1GNCT19W0XKZ18139	CHEVROLET TRU	BLAZER	1999			
Purchase Date <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	Dealer's Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	Engine Size (CID/CCL) _____ No. Cylinders _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection			
Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 _____ <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 02780000	Part Name(s) TIRES:EMERGENCY SPARE TIRE	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 Failures	Date(s) of Failure(s) 01-JUN-1999 Mileage at Failure(s) 21000 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s)	Failed Part(s) Available? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damage	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)

POOR VISIBILITY OUT OF REAR WINDOW OF VEHICLE. APPARANTLY, SPARE TIRE IS SITUATED WHERE IT BLOCKS DRIVER'S VIEW OF ANY OBJECTS/PERSONS BEHIND VEHICLE. PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. *AK

CONTINUE ON BACK IF NEEDED

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Purchase Date <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	Dealer's Name <u>FELD-CHEVEY</u> City <u>BRIDGETON</u> , State <u>MO.</u> Zip Code <u>63044</u>	Vehicle Make CHEVROLET TRU	Vehicle Model BLAZER
		Vehicle Year 1999	Current Odometer Reading 22,000
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<i>My neighbors daughter got a new 99 2door Blazer just before I got mine. She told me she didn't like it because she couldn't see out of the back window because of the spare tire. She was afraid to drive it she said and already had 2 accidents because she couldn't see the car in</i>			
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She said they traded ~~the~~ ^{the} Blazer off for her new Ford. I've ask several other Blazer drivers I've met at rest areas, dealer show rooms, etc. and they all said the same thing! They were very dangerous to drive with the spare tire so high and in the center. I'm a D.M. 30 yr. retired employee and have driven ^{new} D.M. cars since 1948, and this is my third 4X4 Blazer.

I never had any trouble seeing out the back window with the other Blazers because the tire was lower and to the side. At my home in St. Charles, Mo., and my country home, we have no street lights. When I back up I can't see a damn thing out the rear window. I'm in the country, woods, and mts. all summer and winter hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, working, etc.

and I've backed into several trees and parked cars 3 times because I couldn't see anything out the dark window with the spare tire in the way.

And another thing! If you have passengers in the back seats day or night you have a 100% chance of not seeing out the rear window. I think D.M. should have three experts drive the 2 door Blazer on the highway a few days and nights and they would realize that this design is a killer. Or would they say?! It's not worth spending a million dollars to change the design just to prevent a few accidents and save a few lives??