



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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26-MAR-2001

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Reference No.

884075

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) (Locate at bottom of windshield and door frame) 1G4NJ14D3LN003103	Vehicle Make BUICK	Vehicle Model SKYLARK	Vehicle Year 1990	Current Odometer Reading
Purchase Date ☐ New ☒ Used	Dealer's Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____ No Cylinders _____	☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☐ Fuel Injection
Transmission Type ☐ Manual ☒ Automatic	Antilock Brakes ☐ Yes ☒ No	Restraint System ☐ 3-Point Belt ☐ Motorbelt ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ 2-Point Bel ☐ Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control ☒ Yes ☐ No	Drive Train ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel
Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Sport Util ☐ Van ☐ Truck ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other _____		Body Style ☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other _____		

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 06400000	Part Name(s) FUEL THROTTLE LINKAGES AND CONTROL	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure	Date(s) of Failure(s) 01-JUN-1993 115000 Mileage at Failure(s) _____	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ 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 Damag	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

VEHICLE HAS BEEN STALLING INTERMITTENTLY, MOSTLY AT 50 MPH. ALSO, ACCELERATES ON ITS OWN INTERMITTENTLY. *AK

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DOT Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ)

NATIONWIDE 1-888-DASH-2-DOT

1-888-327-4236

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OFFICE
DEFECTS INVESTIGATIONModel
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884075

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

MASTIC

NY

682479

Work Number

Home Number

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In the absence of☒ YES☐ NO

and address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date 3/25/02

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) (located at bottom of
windshield on driver's side)

1G4NJ14D3LN003103

Vehicle Make

BUICK

Vehicle Model

SKYLARK

Vehicle Year

1990

Current Odometer Reading

124,500

Purchase Date

12/30/92

Dealer's Name

NEIL BUICK

Engine Size
(CID/CC/L)

2.3L

☐ Turbo☐ Diesel☐ Gas☒ Fuel Injection☐ New ☒ Used

City

MEDFORD

State

N.Y.

Zip Code

11763

No Cylinders

4

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☐ Van☐ Minivan☐ Other☐ Sport Util☐ Truck☐ Motorcycle

Body Style

☒ 2-Door☐ 4-Door☐ Stationwagon☐ Pick Up Truck☐ Other

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component

06400000

Part Name(s)

FUEL THROTTLE LINKAGES AND CONTROL

COIL HOUSING

Location

☐ Left☐ Front☐ Right☐ Rear

Failed Part(s)

☐ Original☒ Replacement

No of Failures

3

Date(s) of Failure(s)

1/10/00, 7/02

Mileage at Failure(s)

60,124,500

Vehicle Speed at Failure(s)

0-60 MPH

Failed Part(s)

Available?

☐ Yes ☒ No

NHTSA Previously

Contacted?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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ITS OWN INTERMITTENTLY. *AKIN REFERENCE TO ABOVE PROBLEM I HAVE HAD REPLACEMENT OF
COIL HOUSING 3 TIMES ON MY 1990 BUICK SKYLARK.

REPLACED: 1/96 DUE TO SURGE ON ACCELERATION.

4/99 DUE TO MISFIRE, STALLING

3/02 DUE TO STALLING, MISFIRE, + NO START

CONTINUE ON BACK IF NEEDED

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INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)

TIRE IDENTIFICATION NO.*

D O T

MANUFACTURER/TIRE NAME

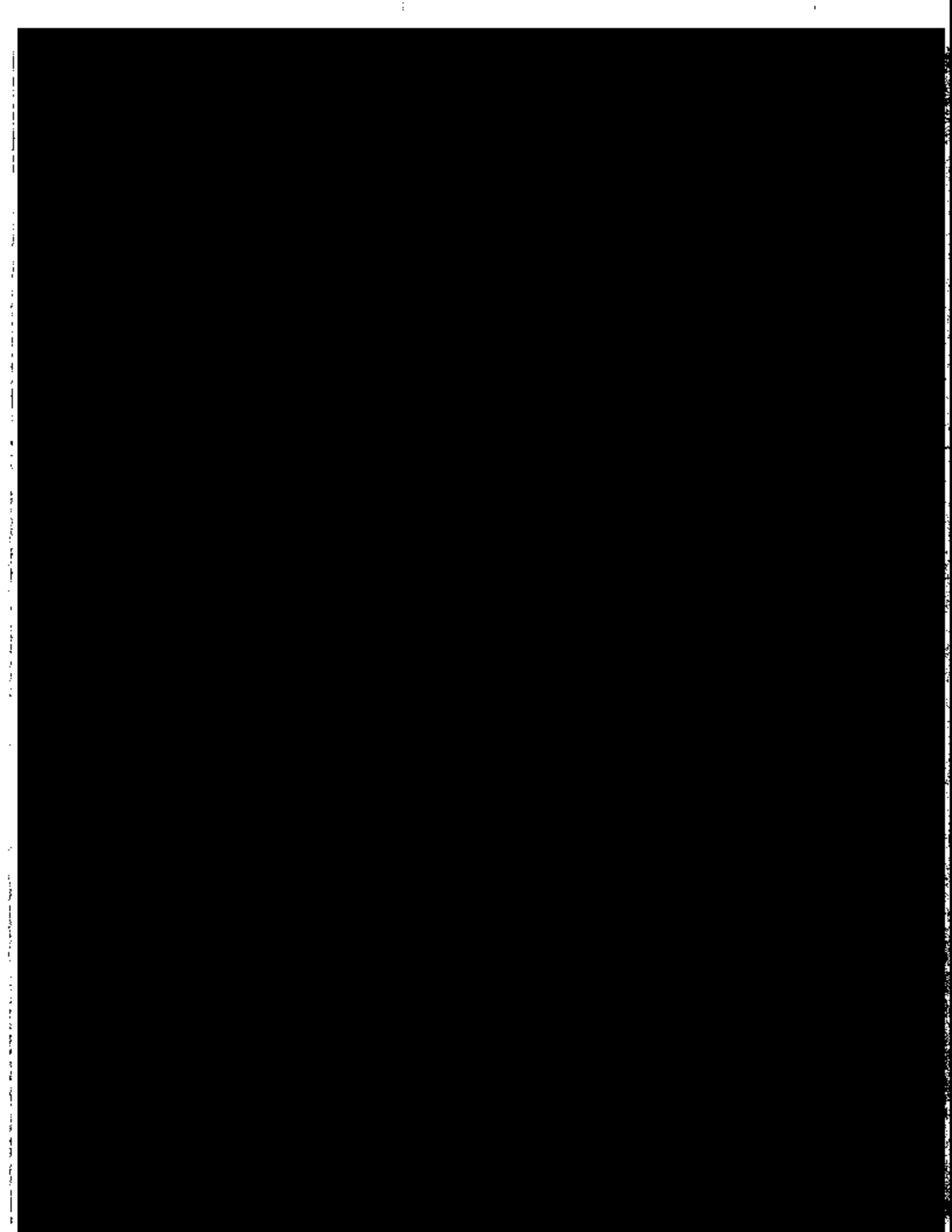
SIZE

* 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)

**THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE WITHHELD TO
PROTECT UNWARRANTED INVASION OF
PERSONAL PRIVACY PURSUANT TO
EXEMPTION 6 OF THE FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6)**

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Ignition System: All Technical Service Bulletins Dealer, Owner, and Parts Info.

DEALER CAMPAIGN RESPONSIBILITY

If there is evidence of intentional disablement of the emission system, the dealer is to notify the vehicle owner of this condition and ask if he/she wants the system restored. Restoration cost is the responsibility of the owner.

Dealers are to service all vehicles involved in this campaign at no charge to the owner, regardless of mileage, age of vehicle, or ownership. Whenever a vehicle subject to this campaign is taken into your new or used car inventory, dealers are to take the steps necessary to be sure the campaign correction has been made before reselling or releasing the vehicle.

Owners of vehicles recently sold from your new vehicle inventory are to be contacted by the dealer and arrangements made to make the required modification according to instructions contained in this bulletin.

In addition, dealers are to perform the campaign on all affected vehicles as they are brought in for scheduled services.

N-CAR DEFECTS

Buick Skylark = Sky Oldsmobile Calais = Cal, Achieva = Ach Pontiac Grand Am = GAM

See reverse side on how to obtain Technical Service Bulletins listed in brackets below.

Automatic Transmission: TH-125 automatic can slip, leak, shift erratically, or completely fail. For more information on transmission defects, send 52¢ SASE to CAS-GM Trans at address below. Also: transaxle mount chirps, '90-91 with 2.5-4 or 3.3 V6 (Buick 91-7-4).

Brakes: Front caliper bolt bore corrosion, '90-92 (Olds 92-T-18, Buick 92-5-4); Delco ABS-VI exchange program, '91-92 (Buick 92-5-2); ABS-VI/TSC exchange program '91-94 (GM 31-50-13B).

Engine/Drivability: 2.5-4: cranks/won't run '87-89 (Buick 89-6E-1); surge, '85-86 (Pont 86-6-43); rough idle/lose power/surge, '85-86 (Pont 86-6-53); valve noise/miss/rough idle/oil consumption, '87 (Olds 87-T-33); timing gear noise/knock, '85-87 (Buick 87-6-12); lower radiator hose rubs through, '90-91 (Pont 91-6-44); exhaust sulfur smell, '90-91 (Olds 91-T-223); overheating/stuck thermostat, '87 (Olds 87-T-29). **2.3 Quad 4: stall/rough running,** '90 (Olds 90-T-157); engine miss/backfire/hard start, '90 (Buick 90-6-8); timing chain rattle on start-up, '87-90 (Pont 90-6-37); detonation/knock, '90 (Buick 90-6E-25); replace crankshaft pulley, '88-92 (Buick 92-6-13); head gasket, '88-91 (Buick 91-6-8-3); coolant leak past head gasket, FREE REPAIR 6yr/60,000 '88-91 (Buick 91-Pol-2A); coolant leak, cracked cylinder head, FREE REPAIR, 7yr/100,000 '92-93 (GM 57-61-26A). **3.0 V6: engine does not "stay running",** '86-87 (Buick 87-6E-20 and Olds 87-T-81); cranks but won't run/misfires, '86-87 (Olds 87-T-54); hard cold starts/hesitation/surge, '86 (Olds 86-T-33); extended crank time, '85 (Olds 85-T-52); stalling "service campaign," '86-87 (Buick 87-POL-1, Olds 87-T-40, Pont 87-SM-13); bypass engine coolant kit, '85 (Olds 85-T-54); starter/flywheel gears clash or mill, '86 (Buick 86-6-26A); exhaust sulfur odor, '86-87 (Buick 87-6F-1); extended crank, will not run '94-95 (GM 51-63-01), '93-95 (GM 51-65-70), '95 & Prior (GM 61-65-23). **3.3 V6: stalls on initial cold start,** '89 (Buick 89-6E-17); power steering pulley cuts wire harness, '89 (Buick 89-6E-2). All: engine miss/hesitation, '80-93 (Chev 93-35-6D).

P/Steering: '85-88's can be hard to steer after cold-engine starts. In 1989, GM secretly extended warranty to 5 years/50,000 miles, after requests by CAS. NHTSA investigated as defect, but closed case in 9/88. For GM power steering packet, send 52¢ SASE to CAS-GM P/S at address below. Also: power steering shudder, '89-91 (Olds 91-T-193); lead/pull, torque/memory steer, steering wheel off-center, '85-92 (Pont 92-3-3); steering pull, '92-94 (Chev 92-50-3B, Pont 93-3-10); steering column popping noise, '92-93 (333210A).

Paint: Paint peels due to omission of primer layer; GM extended warranty to 6 years. For more information, send 52¢ SASE to CAS-GM Paint at address below.

Other: Electronic speedometer blanks out, '85 (Olds Service Guild 11/85, p. 12); dashboard rattle/buzz, '87-88 (Olds 88-T-62); low heater output, '89-91 (Pont 91-1-12); front suspension/underhood noise, '85-91 (Olds 91-T-220); front door window binds/inoperative, '92 (Buick 92-C-3); loose door weatherstrip, '92 (Pont 92-10-20); sagging headliner, '87-88 (Pont 88-10-42); locking fuel filler door won't open, '85-86 (Olds 86-T-34); front suspension clunk/squawk, '85-91 (Buick 91-3-20); w/s washer fluid loss & washer pump inoperative, '92-93 (Chev 93-67-8E); engine coolant loss, '92-94 (Chev 336201); extensive intermittent electrical problems, '92-93 (Pont 93-8-2); fuel filler door won't open '91-96 (GM 63-15-08); Transaxle mount replacement due to excess engine pull '92-96 (GM 63-61-09).

MAJOR SAFETY RECALLS

Copies of recalls may be obtained by calling NHTSA's Technical Reference Division at 800-445-0197.

Fires: 22,300 '87 Sky/GAM/Cal, 61,765 '88-89 Sky/GAM/Cal, 3,202 '90 Sky/Cal, 108,836 '88-89 Sky/GA/Cal - Fuel hose leak (88V-032, 90V-042, 90V-119, 92V-150); 37,030 '91 Sky/GAM/Cal - P/window ECM shorts & overheats inside door (92V-043); 20 '92 Sky/GAM - 1,681 '94 Ach/Sky/GAM, 245 '97 Sky - Fails fuel tank crash standard (92V-106, 94V-122, 96V-212); 3,464 '97 Ach/Sky/GAM - Fuse block short (97V-059).

Lights: 101 '88 Sky - Taillights go out (87V-169); 179,390 '85-86 Somerset/Sky - Headlights go out w/o warning (88V-014); 10,000+ '96 Ach/GAM - Emergency light failure (96V-250); 10,000+ '96 Ach/GAM/Sky - Interior lights turn on unexpectedly (98V-027).

Other: 100,000+ '85 Cal/GAM - Throttle sticks open (86V-030); 206,651 '85-86 Cal - Hood flies up (86V-121); 261,171 '85-86 GAM/Cal - Door latch pillar base cracks (87V-124); 35 '91 GAM - Steering column replacement (91V-018); 1,851 '92 Sky/GAM - Passenger seat slides (91V-182); 1,573 '92 Sky - Steering column locks (91V-184); 272 '92 G/Am - Wheel separates (91V-204); 1,103 '93 Ach/Sky/GAM - Ignition neutral start switch fractures (93V-153); 48,689 '96 Ach/Sky - Airbag deploys improperly (96V-211); 424 '96 Sky/GAM - Loose steering system (96V-249).

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