

During the afternoon on May 12, 2000 during rush hour traffic on freeway 35W, just ½ mile south of the Minneapolis, I was in the left lane going 55 miles per hour. All of a sudden I was heading for a 5 foot concrete barrier dividing the oncoming traffic. My left tire dragged on the wall and the car finally came to a stop. The cause of this near death experience is that the rear cradle bolts pulled through the retainers. When this takes place with the rear cradle bolts the rear cradle is no longer supported at those mounting locations. The steering gear becomes disconnected when the engine drops down.

Fortunately I was not injured except for a scrap on my back. The drivers door was against the concrete divider and I was in a four lane stretch of 35 W. No way to get out of my car without help. I luckily had my cell phone to call 911.

There was a recall in 1997 for the Grand Prix cars in some states. Minnesota was not included in the recall. How can they have a recall without including a state like Minnesota that has so much wet and cold weather. Wisconsin was a state that is on the recall list. Our climate is not much different than theirs. People do buy cars and move. I have a \$900.00 bill to pay that a recall would have covered in 1997 and I would never have went through this experience. If this recall is never done there is going to be deaths and not just one, but many as the car gets older. Please think about the helplessness people experience when the engine drops and you discover you have no steering at all.

My freeway experience could have caused a big pile up of cars if I had went through all four lanes of traffic.

I need my bill to be paid for and a recall for other 1990 Grand Prix Pontiacs.