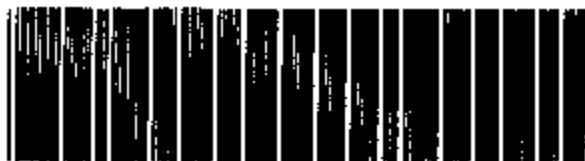


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Petition for Defect Investigation into Timing Chain Failures on 2000-2003 Saturn L-Series and 2003 Saturn Ion Vehicles

To the Acting Administrator:

The North Carolina Consumers Council, Inc (NCCC) is a non-profit consumer advocacy group with thousands of members across North Carolina and the nation. NCCC receives consumer complaints from citizens regarding consumer products, including automobiles. To date, NCCC has received complaints regarding timing chain failures in 2000-2004 Saturn L-Series Vehicles.

A number of complaints received reference a sudden loss of engine power, with some at highway speeds. Several mention a complete engine assembly was required to repair the vehicle. All complaints cite failure of the timing chain. I myself own a 2001 Saturn L-Series vehicle and have had two timing chain failures prior to 75,000 miles.

Accordingly, Saturn Corporation has redesigned the timing chain assembly, citing improper oil flow as a cause for a high number of failures. However, no recall has been issued despite the tendency of these vehicles to fail without warning.

At this time I request an investigation into 2000-2003 Saturn L-Series vehicles and 2003 Saturn Ion vehicles (which share the same engine) for timing chain failures. For your convenience, included with this petition is a listing of ODI ID numbers relating to this complaint from your website.

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Thank you for your review of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Lamb". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brad Lamb,
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