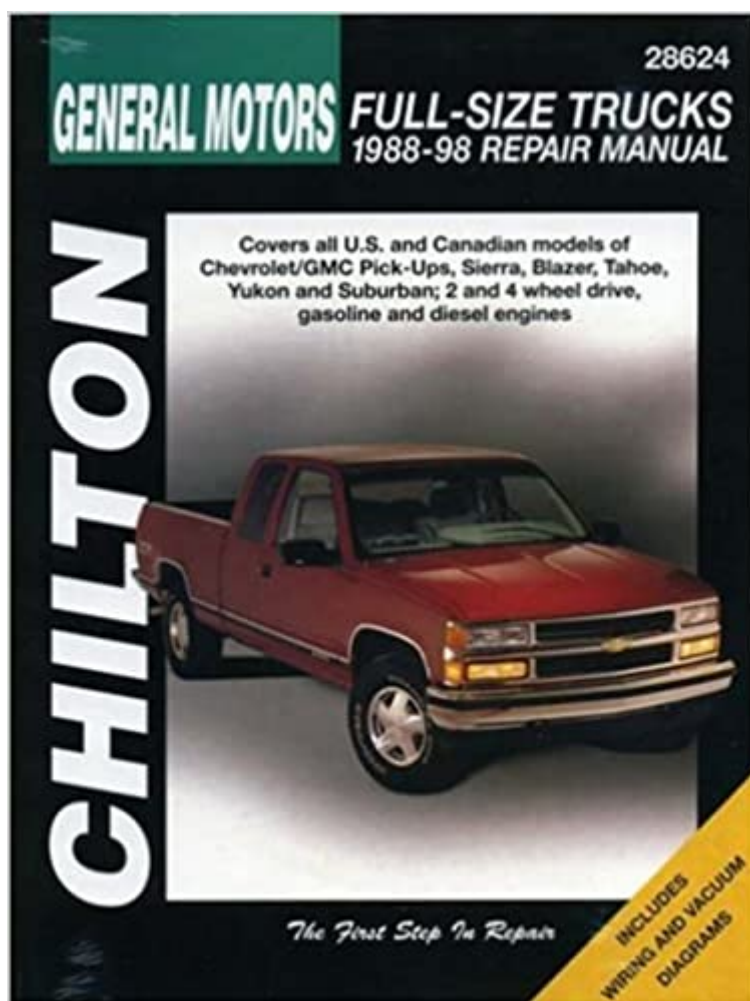




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# General Motors Full-Size Trucks, 1988-98, Repair Manual (Chilton Automotive Books)



## Synopsis

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Chilton offers the best coverage for cars, trucks, vans, SUVs and motorcycles on the market today. Each manual contains easy to follow step-by-step instructions linked to hundreds of photographs and illustrations. Included in every manual: troubleshooting section to help identify specific problems; tips that give valuable short cuts to make the job easier and eliminate the need for special tools; notes, cautions and warnings for the home mechanic; color spark plug diagnosis and an easy to use index.

I have used Chilton & Haynes repair manuals for years. I have always owned one or the other (or sometimes both) for every vehicle I have owned, plus some for family vehicles, as I am the "fix-it guy". Imagine my disappointment when I discovered that this particular manual didn't have the information in it for my truck (a 1997 Chevy) OR my Tahoe (a 1999). So what did I have to do? Buy a Chilton Manual. It had a little more accurate info, however it didn't cover everything either? What

did I end up having to do? Buy a Haynes manual for a 1999-2006 Chevy Pickup, and it had the info I needed for the electrical, interior etc. (although not everything), but the info for the body was not right for my truck or Tahoe. I even took the time to contact Haynes, and their "tech support" was trying to tell me to look on this page or that page in this or that manual - -and they were dead wrong! THEN I find out Haynes & Chilton are now both owned by the same company? Like I said, I have used these manuals for years, but NEVER with as much incorrect or missing info as there has been for my truck & Tahoe.

I have previously been very disappointed with many repair manuals (other than Chilton) that have for instance:- very vague instructions like "year model 1973 shown, others may vary" when the model I'm working on is like from another planet rendering the instructions completely useless- blurry black and white photos where you cannot tell if they shot a picture of a steam engine or a car part leave alone make any use of the photo- manuals that outright do NOT cover certain engine/transmission/equipment or their combinations. For instance for a -96 320iA BMW with the single VANOS M50B20 engine I was supposed to purchase two books: one of the newer e39 BMW body type for the engine and another for the rest of the e36 model car. Needless to say I did not. Because of that my hopes were not high as I purchased the Chilton manual, especially since my truck is one of the last ones to use the old 5.7 smallblock engine, using DI instead of HEI ignition and equipped with the less common heavy duty 4L80-E transmission. I was sure that Chilton would not cover my truck at all and would just say "1994-95 models differ, consult the owner's manual" or something as idiotic. Well, what do you know? The Chilton manual actually acknowledges that these trucks have indeed had a lot of different engines (V6, V8 smallblock, V8 bigblock, several different Vortex engines and two diesels) and they have had different variations such as the HEI/DI ignition mentioned above, and the Chilton manual actually DOES COVER each and every different variation and how they differ from each other, with very clearly drawn pics and diagrams instead of blurry photos. No more guessing involved! Each section is clearly labeled so that you will know exactly what you are supposed to be doing with your particular year model and engine type and repairing and servicing the truck is therefore very easy. Even the fault codes are listed for all years and combinations and explained with unprecedented detail. As you can guess, I'm not just positively surprised by the Chilton manual but utterly and completely pleased. This is how a repair manual is supposed to be done. If I would absolutely have to find something negative to say about the manual then the only fault I've found is that the ignition timing chart is blank and you're told to refer to the sticker in the air cleaner. In many cases those stickers can be worn off or the air cleaner unit

changed by a previous owner so you would have nothing but Google and truck forums to refer to. Luckily this was not the case in my truck but nevertheless that is clearly a minus, I believe this kind of vital information should be included. (BTW for the 5.7EFI the timing advance is set to zero with the electric advance wire unplugged if someone there is looking for that info) So yes, if you have a 1988-1998 GMT400 body full-size truck, this is certainly money well spent and you will earn your investment back tenfold with the very first faulty sensor that you replace yourself.

This is Chilton General Motors repair manual number 28624. On the cover is printed that it covers Chevy & GMC trucks up to the year 1998. That is slightly misleading - it also covers trucks manufactured during the first half of 1999, up to the newer model change that is covered in the Chilton manual number 28625 - for late model 1999 thru 2006 trucks. If you are lucky like me, LOL, and own one of those 1999 GMC Sierra 1500 "Classic" pick ups turned out by Detroit in the first half of the year 1999 then Chilton manual 28624 is for you.

The more I learn about vehicles, the less I like about Chilton's notes. It does describe the basic of the automobiles, but with the introduction to the internet, I can actually watch people do the job. I bought this to work on some specific of a 1993 K1500, but noticed that the CV joint comments and pictures were extremely limited and the fluid level checks for a manual transmission are almost void. It seems the part that you wish to repair is always the least talked about parts in the book. The book is good for general parts inspections, but limited where I needed it. I found better parts diagrams in LMC truck, which enhanced the Chilton drawings. It's a CHILTON which means it is GOOD, just not as GOOD as the internet that populates massive videos and how-to drawings. The book was in great shape as well the vendor.

I have an older truck that needed some repairs, this book seem to do the job, and I was able to repair the broken system.

Covers most systems. Written directions are good but could use more pictures and increased detail in some situations.

I don't know why Chilton even tries. Better than nothing but there are much better resources out there. If you have a foreign car check if Bentley Publishing makes a book for your vehicle, the Bentley version of this manual would be 50% larger pages and over 1,000 pages.

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